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PLANS FOR THE SMART SET

LOUISVILLE TO ENTERTAIN THEIR FAVORITES

MANY PRETTY HOLIDAY FUNCTIONS

Billy Kersands to Appear at Pekin—Revivals Now in Progress Prof. D. L. Lawson Will Take Civil Service Examination.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

We learn that S. H. Dudley and J. Ed Green are headed here with the "Smart Set." They are billed for the Avenue Theatre the week of January 17. This will be their third year in "The Black Politician." The "Smart Set" has been a favorite here and it is to be hoped that it will maintain its former reputation. The colored people are about ready to attend another good show and if it's good they will crowd the house. The critics here usually help good shows and cause the management to feel good when the box office receipts are heavy. The news has been hailed here with much delight that Mr. Dudley will have a new show on the road next season and his many friends hope that it will be a "corker."

We also learn that plans are being arranged for the entertainment of some of the favorites of the company and that Messrs. Dudley and Green will be given a stag by Dr. Morris Blackburn. It is deeply regretted that death has taken away Tom Logan, as he was a strong drawing card in the city of Louisville. The excellent work of Misses Jennie Pearl, Jennie Hillman, Ella Walker, Daisy Mitchel, Dora Weaver and others is remembered by those who saw the show last season. We hope the "Smart Set" will make good and we take pleasure in extending them a welcome to a theatre-going city that loves good shows.

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Billy Kersands, king of minstrelsy, will be in Louisville one day, January 10, at the Pekin Theatre, Thirteenth and Walnut streets. They have a day lay-over and while making one-night stands in this section our good friend Mr. Kersands decided to let the people of Louisville see him "make a mule laugh." It has been quite a while since we have seen the "dean of the black-face art," but we hope that he has not lost any of his old-time charms. Most likely he will give a good show and it will be a splendid opportunity for his old friends to see him. While this kind of amusement is fast passing away, it can be truthfully said that the "brother" has held his own from the good old days until now.

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Miss Herbert Weber, "mistress of the winged profession," who resides in The Freeman office and sends out more letters than any newspaper in the country, was in the city last week and spent a few hours with Miss Nannie H. Burroughs. She also spent several days in La Grange and she reported a delightful stay in the hospitable State of Kentucky.

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As predicted by your correspondent a few weeks ago, the social season would be gayer than ever, was evidenced by the many dinners, banquets, receptions, card parties and dances that were given during the Christmas season. Every day and night was taken up with some form of social pleasure. Miss Georgia A. Lattimore was the most prominent host of the season. The breakfast given her sister, Miss Hattie Lattimore, and the visiting girls, was the prettiest affair of the holidays. Even the "Younger Set" got in the swim and gave two dances at Odd Fellows Hall. The married ladies of the Twilight Club surpassed the efforts of former clubs and gave a full-dress reception on New Year's day. The Entre Nous Club and the Young Men's Club did much to enliven the week and while numbers of individuals gave private affairs that added much to the pleasure of the week. The colored city officials gave a banquet at the residence of Mr. Odell and it marked an epoch among the older men of the city. Among some of the visitors who enjoyed the week's hospitality were the following: Misses Hattie Lattiomre, Laura Smith, Bessie Jones, Iona Smith, Jennie Porter, Amanda Webb, Nettie Selkirk, Mabel Leake, Maud Miller and Mesdames Kinkheard of Indianapolis, Ind., and Elenor Williams of Frankfort, Ky.

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Probably the most successful and enjoyable function of the week was "Visitors Dance," given by the Young Men's Club, which was under the personal direction of Messrs. Cassius Smith and Bridgeford Simms. The dance was held at Odd Fellows Hall and was participated in by the young business and professional men of the city. The dance was attended by some of the most exclusive circles in the city, and prominent visitors from all sections of the country were present. The home girls were beautifully and attractively dressed in latest styles, including directoire and other fashionable gowns. The visiting ladies wore styles in the extreme with high, pointed neckwear. The young men wore dress suits and danced freely with the guests. They danced from 9 o'clock p. m. utnil 2 o'clock a. m. Divine waltzing and delightful two-stepping were the favorite dances of the night while other late dances were participated in during the evening. The young men served a delicious supper on a long, rectangular table loaded with fruits and flowers. Some ate while others danced. The many vari-colored dresses, beautifully lighted hall, charming young ladies and sweetness of the grand orchestra caused many to declare that it was the most enjoyable function they had attended in years.

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The Pre-Christmas Dance given by Misses Georgia A. Lattimore, Pearl White, Scottie Davis and Sadie Evans was a very charming and brilliant affair. It was marked by its congeniality and extreme sociability. It was attended by many of the most prominent society people in the city. Nearly all the friends of the four young ladies accepted cards to the affair and attended the dance. There was a jolly, buoyant feeling at the dance and the music of one of the best orchestras in the city added to the charm and delight of the occasion. The spirit of "good time" seemed to be in the hearts of all present, and when the delicious punch was served there was good time until 1 o'clock a. m. The ladies proved to be admirable hostesses and the guests left paying best respects on the pleasure of the evening.

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The matinee dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bell on West Magazine street was one of the leading social functions of the season. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bell is one of the prettiest in the city and on this night the double parlors were handsomely and brilliantly decorated for the occasion. Prof. Tobe Brown furnished music for the dance. The playing upon a harp added much to the delightfulness of the function. The charming home of Mr. and Mrs. Bell was taxed to its capacity and many sat on the stairway exchanging Christmas greeting while others danced to their heart's content. The dance lasted from 3 o'clock until 8 o'clock p. m. and later Mr. and Mrs. Bell entertained the married ladies of the city in honor of her mother, Mrs. Kinkheard, of Indianapolis, Ind.

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On Christmas night there were social functions in groups. The largest group was at the home of Miss Georgia A. Lattimore, who entertained the visitors with a euchre party. While a number played euchre others fell in with the old progressive whist. Pink refreshments were served about the time Santa Claus came around.

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On Wednesday night of Christmas week, the Entre Nous Club, one of the oldest and most successful social clubs in the city, gave its annual Christmas function. For twelve years this club of young women has been giving these affairs and they have usually been the cream of all functions. It is at this affair that the visitors usually receive an introduction into the social set. Its membership includes some of the choicest young women in the city. The dance was given at Odd Fellows Hall and extreme styles and fashionable party dresses marked the event of the week. All the visitors were present and the young ladies of the club were delightful hostesses. An orchestra furnished music for the occasion and all indulged in the pretty dances of late arrival. A swell luncheon and refreshments were served by the officers of the club.

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Prof. W. P. Annis and wife entertained in honor of the Misses Smith and other visitors during the holidays.

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The prettiest affair during the holidays was the breakfast served by Miss Georgia A. Lattimore to the visiting girls. Eight young ladies were present. The decorations, tablecloth and other embroidery work were all made by hand by the hostess. The color scheme was red and white and everything served was in these colors. The breakfast was in honor of Miss Hattie Lattimore, who was visiting from North Carolina. Those present were the among the principal speakers of the oc-Misses Smith, Bessie Amanda Webb, Jones, Nettie Selkirk and Maud Miller.

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The Twilight Club, composed of married women of the city, gave a beautiful New Year's rectption at the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy on West Broadway street. Two hundred and thirty-five called during the hours of 3 and 11 o'clock p. m. The members of this club are some of the most fine-looking as well as most respectable women of the city. They were all gowned in evening dresses and they were exceptionally stylish and beautiful. The whole club acted as hostesses and on entering the parlors one met the president, officers of the club and its members.

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The City Employes Club gave a banquet during the holidays at the home of Mr. Odell on Ward street, near Sixth. Dinner and oratory and "O Be Joyful" were earmarks of the feast. It was a stag dinner and most of the prominent colored Republicans were present. Your correspondent was present, but regardless of his independence in politics, he was shown much courtesy. Dr. Merchant acted as toastmaster and the Hon. Albert S. White, Dr. P. R. Peters, lawyer Jake Ross, Money Yancy, Joe Hocker, J. P. Jetton, John Page and others responded to toasts.

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Miss Laura Mason gave a delightful Christmas dinner at her home on Chestnut street, between Eleventh and Twelfth. A large number of her friends were present and the dinner was served in courses.

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Cassius Smith entertained at dinner on Christmas day in honor of Misses Laura and Iona Smith and Nettie Selkirk.

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Mrs. Elnora Boyd Williams, of Frankfort, Ky., one of the most fashionable dressmakers in that section, is in the city the guest of Mrs. William E. Johnson of West Magazine street. Mrs. Williams was the guest of a number of social functions during the holidays.

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Misses Georgia G. Moore, Spratt Brown, Mrs. F. S. Delaney, Profs. W. H. Perry, C. W. Houser, Joseph Cutter and G. M. McClellan attended the meeting of the State Teachers' Association at Winchester last week.

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Miss Nannie H. Burroughs is very busy having poses made for the Douglass Calendar Company for the year 1910. She will leave the last of the month for New York City to address a body of Christian women in that State and remain in that section in the interest of the National Training School.

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The hand of charity was extended Robert Helm, aged 82, by members of Star of Louisville Lodge, G. U. O. of F., of which he has been a member since 1872. He was a pillar of Christ Church Cathedral for thirty-two years. He is being generously cared for and on last week he was visited by Messrs. Plummer Lewis, J. T. Hudson and other members of the lodge. But few men in the city are as old as Brother Helm.

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Prof. F. S. Delaney, A. E. Meyzeek and Dr. E. D. Whedbee kept up their usual custom of visiting on New Year's day in a carriage. These three gentlemen made nearly fifty calls and entered the homes of old and young.

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It is reported here that Prof. D. L. Lawson, principal of the Central Colored High School, is to take the Civil Service examination for a clerkship in the department with the expectancy of an elevation. A resolution was offered at the meeting of the School Board last year that his salary be reduced $200 on the year, and it is said that he seeds the "handwriting on the wall."

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The talk that is usually made that the white people are really friends of the Negroes is often exemplified in this city. It was so with the late Napoleon Bonapart, who served as secton of the largest white church in the city and on the day of his funeral the services were held in a white church and white and black took part in the services, and evidences were manifested in the highest degree that the Negro has friends among the white people. On this occasion, bankers, lawyers and the School Board which he had served were present and paid tribute to his gentle memory. During Mr. Bonapart's life his friends were among the whites as well as the colored race. Said the trustee of the white church at his funeral: "Napoleon Bonapart was a noble Christian and a born gentleman." Nearly three thousand people attended his funeral and the Rev. C. H. Parrish and Dr. John H. Frank officiated at the funeral. He was a Mason and that order had charge of the services at the grave.

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Another evidence of real friendship that exists between white and colored people in this city was a beautiful Christmas gift to Plummer Lewis, by one of the wealthiest white ladies in the city. "Lewis," as he is well known all over the city, worked in the Tyler family for thirty years and eight years ago was stricken with paralysis of the optic nerve and has since been blind. Since the day of his blindness, Mr. Owen Tyler, ex-mayor of the city of Louisville, and other members of the Tyler family, agreeably agreed to pension him for life. Not only do they do this, but they make it their duty to call to see him and that he wants for nothing. But as a further evidence of their friendship, Mrs. Owen Tyler, wife of the ex-mayor, and one of the best artists with the brush in the State of Kentucky, and who has won an enviable reputation throughout the country, had "Lewis" sit three days for an oil painting. On last Christmas day it was sent him as a present and values at $100. It is now the pride of his home, and the family, including your correspondent, who is the son of Mr. Plummer Lewis, joins in praise of the very fine work done by Mrs. Owen Tyler. Nothing has happened to the blind soldier and citizen that has given him more pleasure than the reception of this gift.

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The Rev. George Clemmett, editor of the Star of Zion, is in the city to carry on a revival at the Thirteenth and Broadway Street A. M. E. Zion Church. He spoke to the Young Men's Christian Association last Sunday and a very large crowd was present. His subject was "Take God Into Your Calculation." It was very interesting and instructive and it proved to be a most successful meeting.

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George Williams and R. W. Vaughn were hosts at a stag and smoker Christmas night. Those in attendance were Messrs. Jean Chrisman, Luther Kirk, Fred Brown, Robert Miller, Chas. Meeks, Joseph Baker, French Brown, Robert George. A seven-course menu was served.

Mrs. George Williams and Mrs. E. C. Vaughn of West Chestnut street were hostesses of a dinner Christmas day. Covers were laid for twenty-two. Whist was the feature of the evening.

The Freeman correspondent left Tuesday for Frankfort, Ky., to be away two days on business. While there he will visit the Normal and Industrial Institute and Mayes High School.

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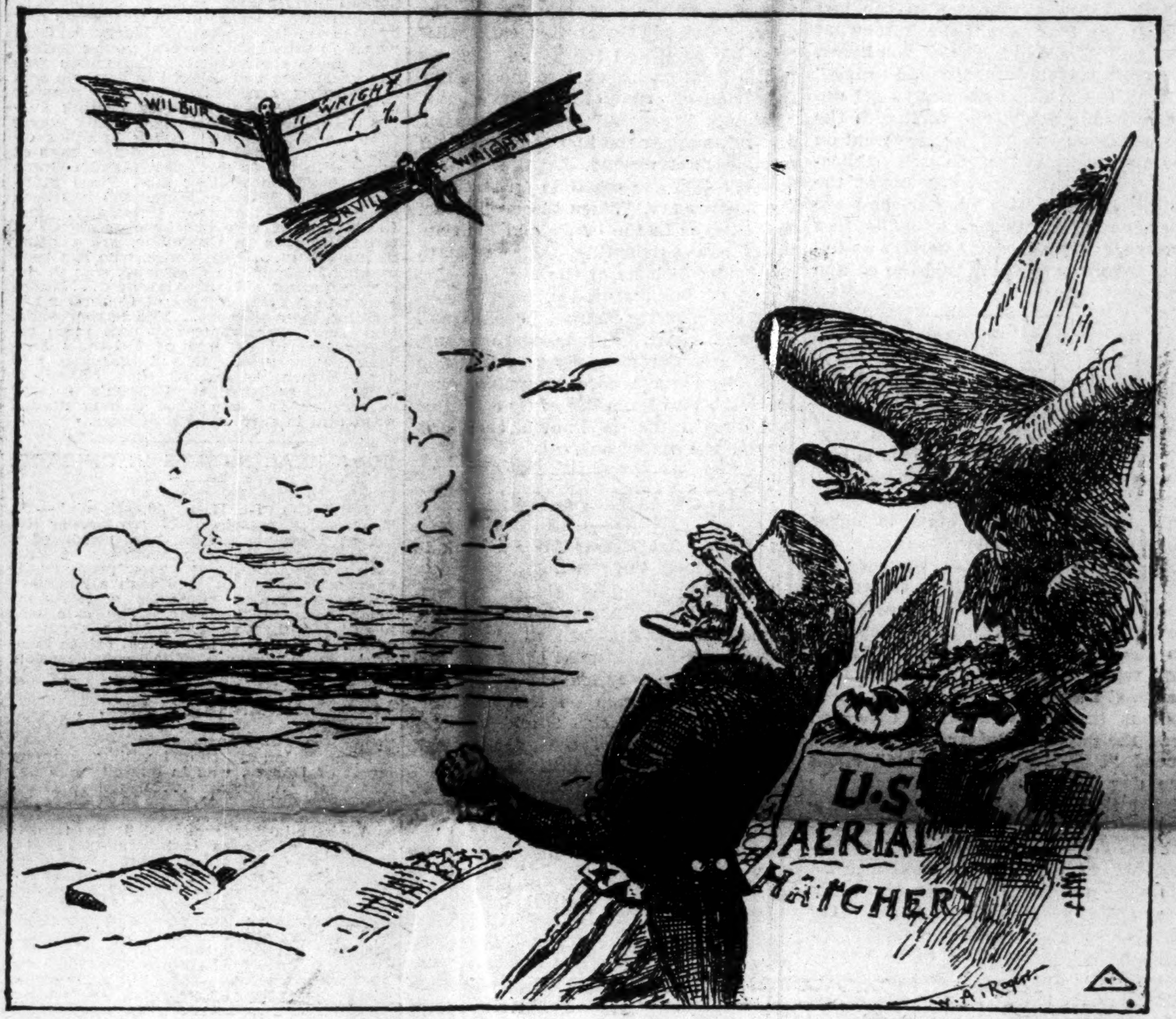
During the Christmas holidays Prof. F. E. Dawson, of Nashville, Tenn., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Davis, 623 South Fifteenth street. Prof. Dawson is a fine young man of sterling qualities, who is quite observant and ever anxious to visit places of intelligence, interest and enterprise. So dear old Louisville, the commercial center of the Bluegrass State, offered to him an excellent opportunity along those lines. Among the many places visited by Prof. Dawson were the colored Y. M. C. A. building, the colored Carnegie library, the Central High School and the Glencoe distillery. He and friends highly appreciated the courtesy shown them by the Hon. A. S. White, the colored revenue agent, who took them through the distillery and explained each process of distilling. Sunday evening, January 3, Prof. Dawson returned to Nashville to resume his duties at the Napier School. ....A reception of unusual interest was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Davis, 623 South Fifteenth street, in honor of Prof. F. E. Dawson, of Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday evening, December 31. Invitations were limited to a few, and the evening was most pleasantly spent. Card games were the leading features of amusement, after which refreshments were served that were highly enjoyed by all. After the reception the young people went to watch meeting....On Tuesday evening, December 29, there was a nice social entertainment given at the home of Miss Jennie Kennedy, 317 Jackson street in honor of Prof. Dawson, of Nashville. Invitations were extended only to a few. Playing at fortune telling and palmistry furnished much amusement for the occasion. In the hospitable dining room of the Kennedy home a delightful menu of four courses was served, which was highly enjoyed by the participants. After supper subjects of much intelligence and interest were discussed.

CARY B. LEWIS.

LET THE EAGLE SCREAM! SHE HATCHED 'EM!



—Rogers in New York Herald.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The holidays have passed, the people have spent all, or nearly all, their money; they have "sworn off" and are now going forth to meet the vicissitudes of 1909 with a new determination. In the political world everything is astir, and the various offices to be filled are not seeking the men, but on the contrary, the men are seeking the offices. Here the office of mayor is a great big thing, as big as Chicago in the eyes of the seekers for it. Lieutenant Governar Sherman is being boomed for the place, and would make an ideal mayor and he is not allied with any of the factions; it would be the proper thing, in our opinion, to have him elected...The Legislature convened here again the week of January 4 and another turbulent session is imminent. There are those who will contend for a contest of the gubernatorial election—Republican and Democratic disgrunties—a very universal thing... During the holidays there were many socials given. The young men are to be specially praised for the affair given at Masonic Hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 30. A goodly number were out...Mrs. C. H. Morgan entertained Christmas day and her beautifully decorated and illuminated house shone in splendor. About fifteen were her guests. The affair was tendered in honor of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Yates. A three-course menu was served. ...On New Year's day there were open doors at the Lincoln Colored Old Folks and Orphans Home and many people called and took an offering and bade the ladies godspeed and spoke a cheering word. This home is one of the finest in the country and also the best managed. Mrs. Eva Monroe is matron and is assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor and Julia Dunem...Friday evening, New Year's day, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Byrd entertained a few of their friends; it was quite an enjoyable affair. About forty were present. Mrs. Byrd proved proved an entertainer of rare ability. The diversions consisted of whist, music and conversation. The whist game proved very interesting. Each person who won a game during the series before the end was given a unique bell. The house was decorated with bells. The winners of prizes were. First, Mrs. Jerry Morrison; second, Abner Naylor; third, W. D. Hoskins; fourth, Miss Myrtle Clem...Read The Freeman and know the news of the nation. For sale at Dunbar newsstand.

GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. W. M. McDaniel and Master Theodore have returned from White House, Tex., where they visited her relatives during the holidays...D. J. Thomason, the newly called pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, has arrived...Virgil Brown, upon his return from Forney, Tex., brought with him his daughter, Miss Carrie Lee Brown, who has been with her grandmother...Mrs. Effie Cradock is still very sick...Mr. Marlvin Turner is ill with pneumonia...T. M. Holloway has moved to his new home which he recently purchased on East Polk street...Miss Candes Brown of Bonham, Tex., is visiting in the city and is the guest of her brothers, Ernest and William Vance...Mrs. Annie Preston is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mattie Vance...Mrs. Laura White is in Sulphur Springs teaching school... Bose Gasery has returned home. He has been with the "Rabbit Foot" Comedy Co. ...J. W. Cradock and W. E. Pace reorganized their Darktown Butterfly Concert Company and will soon be on the road. ...J. W. Cradock and W. E. Pace would like to hear from their old friends of the Danfill Kasper Amusement Company and others...Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tuvis gave a reception in honor of her cousin, Mrs. Cora Adas of Ft. Worth, Tex...Mrs. G. Orvill has returned from Bryant, Tex., where she was visiting her relatives... Mrs. F. H. Conley was given $10 by the members of her lodge, the Knights and Daughters of Tabor...Mrs. Conby recently lost her house and its contents... C. C. Lawson is writing insurance...The Odd Fellows have moved to their new location on Stuart street...Miss Corean Chisolm has returend from Lasater, where she visited her mother.

PIQUA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Cyrene A. M. E. Church, Rev. Maxwell, pastor, is holding revival services, assisted by Rev. Ross of Springfield, O...Mrs. Jno. Jackson and daughter, Mrs. Kelly, have opened up a first-class restaurant and will install a soda fountain. She desires the patronage of her friends..Grand Deputy of Border City Lodge installed officers as follows: R. Evans, C. C.; W. W. Wilson, V. C. C.; A. Gillard, K. of R. & G.; W. M. Lowery, M. of Finance; G. Giles, E.; L. Pettiford, Prelate; W. Bray, M. of Arms.; C. Rodgen, Inner Guard; J. Bailey, Outer Guard...The Thursday Afternoon Embroidery Club entertained their husbands at the home of Mrs. Geo. F. Moss...Misses Josephine Wilson, Lizzie Stewart kept open house New Year's day at the Wilson home, Mrs. Geo. Stout presiding as hostess...Misses Maud Thomas and Pearl Route spent the holidays in Cincinnati visiting their relatives...Mrs. Nancy Rogans will go to Franklin, Ind., to visit her sister...Mrs. Addie Harris spent the holidays in Troy, O.

CORSICANA, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

D. S. Moten Jr. now has a little brother, William Joseph, who was baptized last Sunday. These two promising young fellows are the sons of Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Moten.

STATE TEACHERS' MEETING

OF KENTUCKY HELD LAST WEEK AT WINCHESTER

ABLE AND INSTRUCTIVE ADDRESSES

Given by President F. L. Williams and Other Educators of Prominence—Prof. F. M. Wood Elected for New Year.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

WINCHESTER, Ky., Jan. 4, 1909.—The thirtieth annual session of the Colored State Teachers' Association was held here last week at the Opera House and upwards of 200 teachers were present. It was by far the most interesting and successful meeting in the history of the association.

Prof. J. H. Garvin, principal of the public schools of this city is due the credit of entertaining this large body and on the last day of the meeting many arose and paid him a glowing tribute for the hospitality, banquet and receptions given the visitors.

Many able and instructive addresses were given by men of educational ability, many being presidents of large institutions, judges, legislators, editors and bankers. But few meetings in the State among colored people have been visited by such distinguished citizens as the State Teachers' Association.

The principal address of the meeting was that of President F. L. Williams. It was his last speech as president of the association and it was one of the finest that the teachers had ever heard, so declare those who were present. His subject was "Education in a Democracy." Prof. Williams is able and eloquent, a student of educational methods and an educator of twenty years' experience, and his brilliant speech on Tuesday night showed his thorough preparation for the occasion. An eloquent welcome address was made by Mayor Hughes and also by Prof. J. H. Garvin. They were responded to by Mrs. F. L. Williams. The music on this occasion was excellent. All the choirs of the city were joined for the week of the association and the music at all the sessions was splendid.

"Let there be educational uplift," was the slogan of the association. The principals of most of the colored schools of the State were here and many expressed themselves favorably toward the new school law. "We are not satisfied with being thirty-seventh in the educational rank of our sister States," declared President F. L. Williams, and he said further, "We must do all in our power to increase the educational spirit among our people."

A very fine address was delivered by Prof. H. K. Taylor, president of the white Wesleyan College. He was brave enough to say that Prof. Williams' address was a masterpiece, and said it deserved to be red by the whole teaching force in the State of colored institutions.

Prof. L. H. Moore of Howard University, Washington, D. C., and Prof. C. W. Carver of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., were casion. Prof. Clarence Matthews of the white State University, Lexington, Ky., and Prof. R. M. Shipp of the Winchester public schools were among the other speakers on the second night.

The other well-known educators of the race in the State of Kentucky who were present at the meeting and spoke were: Profs. J. S. Estill, J. J. Brown, Dr. Perry Robinson, Dr. J. R. Holmes, C. W. Houser, Henry Allen Lane, W. H. Bate, F. M. Wood, J. H. Jackson, O. E. Guthrie, W. C. Orton, F. M. Russell, Miss G. G. Moore, W. H. Fouse, Rev. J. E. Wood, Dr. C. H. Parrish, W. H. Mayo, W. H. Perry, L. V. Dodge, Joseph Cotter, Miss Tille Young, Isaac Fisher, T. J. Smith, G. P. Russell, Edward Davis, H. F. Jones, Mrs. Barbara Courtney, Miss Martha Williams and others.

On the second day Prof. J. H. Garvin invited the two hundred visiting teachers to visit his school. This was in many respects the feature of the week. Every room was beautifully decorated for occasion and on the walls, desks and other places were writings, drawings, hand work of the students from the first grade to the high school department. After the review, Mrs. Turner, who is regarded as one of the best domestic science teachers in the State, served the guests with a fine luncheon that was prepared by the young girls of the school. Your correspondent has had several dinners at the various schools of the State but this one surpassed them all. Everybody was loud in praise of the cooking of the young misses in the Winchester school.

On the last day Prof. C. W. Houser, of Louisville, read the declaration of principals, and one of the articles favored a college department to the State Normal School. Prof. F. L. Williams was presented with a silver pitcher, cup and tray for his service as president of the association for eight years. On the last night a banquet was given the visiting teachers at the Hippodrome and it was a huge success. Prof. Garvin acted as toast master and a number of teachers responded with thoughtful and timely toasts.

The election of officers occured the last day, and Prof. F. M. Wood was elected president; Miss Martha Williams, first vice-president; Prof. A. O. Guthrie, second vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Garvin, secretary; Prof. J. W. Bate, treasurer, and J. T. Smith, historian. The association adjourned to meet next year at Frankfort, the guests of the Frankfort Normal and Industrial Institute and Mayes High School.

NOTES ON THE ASSOCIATION.

Prof. F. M. Wood, who was elected president of the association, is a graduate of the State Normal and Industrial Institute. He is one of the youngest principals of the State and has made a fine record as a progressive and enthusiastic character in educational movements. Prof. Wood has had several years experience in the school room and also principal of

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AN ANTARCTIC STORM

Braving the Perils of a South Polar Winter's Night.

FIERCE FURY OF THE GALE.

Adventures of a Party of Explorers In a Journey Over the Broken Pack Ice—The Solid Wall of Wind That Flanked a Friendly Iceberg.

The arctic explorer has always had hardship and danger enough, but the antarctic discoverer has far more terrible conditions to meet. Luckily he meets them with all the equipment and method that arctic exploration has taught mankind. Yet they are most dangerous, as the story of those who have lived through the south polar winter night can testify. One of the experiences of Bernacchi on the cruise of the Southern Cross some years ago shows what an antarctic gale means.

He and a comrade, Ellifsen, started out on a short sledge journey to carry provisions from one camp to another. It was in September, and the broken ice pack over which they must travel was but a foot and a half thick and likely to break in pieces afresh or pile up in deadly masses at the mercy of the sea and wind. The two men had three sledges and eighteen dogs. They had hardly started before the wind rose and a gale threatened. Halfway to their destination there was an iceberg imbedded in the pack ice, and they hastened to reach this before the storm should break.

For five hours they toiled over the ice, the wind gradually rising. The gale broke in fury just as they reached the iceberg, under whose lee they pitched a tiny silk tent, into which they crawled after having fed their dogs as best they could. Hour after hour the wind raged, and the thermometer went to 9 degrees below zero. The snow drifted over and into the tent. Sleep was impossible.

The explorers, who had met typhoons in the China seas and cyclones in the tropics, found by the aneroid as well as by their own sensations that this gale surpassed them all. Worst of all, it seemed as if the ice was beginning to crack. They knew well that the iceberg which protected them from the full force of the storm was the most dangerous place possible in other ways, as the ice was sure to separate first immediately round the berg, throwing tent, men and dogs into the icy seas. The cracking of ice was now to be heard above the roar of the wind. They dared not stay in their shelter.

A little to the east, Bernacchi remembered, was a cave in the body of the iceberg. Once in that, they would not at least be precipitated into the sea, even if they were carried away, iceberg and all. It was so dark that the wall of the berg could not be seen even when the hands touched it. The two explorers groped as best they could along the slippery walls, both hands on the ice and their bodies pressed against it. Halfway around they left the lee side and met the gale. It came like a solid thing, bearing them back and down. Not one inch could they move against it, and further exposure meant death. They groped back, blinded, deafened and almost paralyzed with cold, to shelter. Then they commenced a toilsome hunt for a foothold on the lee side somewhere. Toward morning they found a low spur or projection, upon which they scrambled and lay down perfectly exhausted in the snowdrifts, which grew each moment. To this they owed their lives, for the snow soon covered them and kept in the warmth of their bodies.

They dared not sleep for fear of never waking, so they roused each other alternately. At last day broke, and the gale abated. Crawling over the snow, their garments frozen stiff as boards, their beards solid lumps of ice, they managed to reach their tent. The ice had not broken, though it was cracked here and there. They took food, slept, fed their dogs, who were deep in the drifts, but alive, and then courageously went ahead, "not caring to be beaten," as Bernacchi expressed it. It was 8 o'clock at night before they reached camp, but the next day they were exploring and taking photographs and observations just as usual. Man may seem puny against nature, but he conquers her from the arctic to the antarctic by his unconquerable soul.—William Rittenhouse in Forward.

A Clever Barber.

"By heck, Cynthia," drawled old Farmer Hardapple after his visit to Chicago, "them thar city barbers are mind readers."

"That so, Hiram?" said his wife.

"Why, I should say so. The one I met knew that you cut my hair last, and, by gum, he never saw you in his life."—Chicago News.

By Indirection.

Heiress (to her military admirer)—That Mr. Krause is very inquisitive. He asked what my dowry amounted to. Lieutenant—Impertinent fellow! And what did you tell him?—Fliegende Blatter.

Praying Time.

A five-year-old boy on hearing grace asked for the first time at breakfast gravely remarked, "I only say my prayers at night. That is the dangerous time."—Life.

Corruption will never want a pretense.—Cato.

REAL LITERARY LABOR.

Example of Charles Dudley Warner's Infinite Painstaking.

The extraordinary pains and patience with which Charles Dudley Warner did his literary work are shown in an account given by a writer in the New Amstel magazine of the strenuous way in which Mr. Warner produced an obituary notice some years ago.

Professor Edward L. Youmans was a close personal friend of Mr. Warner, and on that account when Mrs. Youmans died the editor of a daily paper asked Mr. Warner to write a sort of personal appreciation of her. This he consented to do.

He was left alone from 10 a. m. until half past 12, when he went to lunch. Returning at 2 o'clock, he worked without interruption until 4 o'clock, when he turned over to the editor what he had written.

Yet the work was not complete. Mr. Warner read the first proof and in succession three revised sheets.

Each time he made change after change in phraseology, seeking out the one right word, while even in the nicety of paragraphing he seemed to make clearer what he desired to express. Nor did the close revision end with the marking of the last proof.

After the paper had gone to press and the first sheets had been brought up to the composing room for an O. K. Mr. Warner looked wistfully at the editor and observed:

"Would you object to lifting the form? I see a sentence in the last paragraph that might be somewhat changed. She was too good, you know, to have a slovenly tribute paid to her."

Even the printers refused to get angry over the delay, and forthwith the form was sent up and changes went on for an hour. At last, though publication was delayed fully two hours, the editor, but not Mr. Warner, had the supreme satisfaction of knowing that the work was as nearly perfect as human art could make it, and the edition was sent out.

FIRST NIGHTS.

The Way They Affected Some Famous French Playwrights.

The first night with authors is viewed with different feelings. This is how it affected some famous French playwrights. Sardou's nervousness was well known. Dumas fils was never able to preserve his sangfroid. As soon as the curtain rose Dumas pere would betake himself to a restaurant and dine from as many courses as his new piece had acts. His son reported on the success of the piece. At the first representation of "Toussaint Louverture" Lamartine found his work so tedious that he went to a cafe and read the papers. Balzac when he produced "Resources de Quinola" spent the day in selling tickets at a rate higher than at the box office and reaped a fine return.

Paul de Kock, seated in the orchestra, we also read, protested against his piece and made so much noise that his neighbors demanded silence. Casmir Delavigne remained at home. Alexandre Soumet went to be shaved when "Jeanne d'Arc" was produced. The barber had finished one cheek when the author cried: "Stop! Here are 30 sous. Go round to the theater and see if they hiss or applaud the piece." The barber returned, saying: "It is a success, monsieur. They applaud." "Since it is a success," replied the author, "shave the other." Scribe appeared in the best of spirits and encouraged the actors, but at the end he became nervous and tore his handkerchief with his teeth. Rossini walked about the back of the stage with his cane in his hand. Auber was never present on the first night of his works, and Bayard on reaching the stage is reported to have said that he experienced sudden illness.—New York Mail.

Smoothed the Sea.

A gentleman aboard a steamer running between Southport and Blackpool approached one of the sailors during the passage and remarked to him:

"We have a very smooth sea this morning. It is like a sheet of glass. You don't always have it like this?"

"No, sir," was the answer, "but, you see, they knowed as how you were coming today, so the authorities at Southport telephoned to the corporation at Blackpool, and they at once ordered out the steam roller and rolled the sea down for the occasion. That is why it is so smooth."—London Tit-Bits.

Saved by a Puncture.

"I am a swift runner," said the man who was telling a snake story, "and as I fled down the mountain I outdistanced the huge python that was so relentlessly pursuing me. But these creatures are cunning. To twist itself into the shape of a cart wheel was the work of a moment, and now the python had gained. Faster and faster it rolled down the steep incline. Then, bang! The serpent had struck a sharp, jagged rock and punctured. I was safe."—London Globe.

A Large Toast.

A prominent man, unexpectedly invited to an entertainment, found himself called on for toasts among others. He was unprepared; but, being a quick thinker, he arose and said, "I toast to the toast that was toasted by the toaster who had toasted all the toasts that were ever toasted by a toaster."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Thankfulness.

"Thankfulness," said Uncle Eben, "ain' nuffin' but the common sense needful to recognize some of de good things dis world is chock full of."—Washington Star.

A FABLE OF NIGERIA.

The Crafty Spider and the Way He Paid His Debts.

The following fable of the spider is one of the folk tales of northern Nigeria:

A spider, it seems, had occasion to borrow a sum of money. A journey round to the generously disposed brought him 2,000 cowries each from the cat, the dog, the hyena, the leopard and the lion. When pay day came round, the spider remained at home to receive the visits of his creditors in a certain prearranged order. First came the cat to claim repayment of his loan. "Hush!" said the spider. "I hear a noise outside. It is a dog come to see me. You must hide under this calabash for safety." The cat was scarcely hidden when the dog, coming in, made a similar request for his money. Says Master Spider, "There is a cat under that calabash. Take him and consider the debt paid." No sooner said than done. Just then a snuffling and scraping were heard at the door. The third creditor, the hyena, had arrived. "Don't be alarmed, my dear dog, but hide here till he has left." And the spider bustled him under the calabash. "I smell a dog," said the hyena, routing about. "Under that calabash," the spider replied. "Eat him up, and your debt is paid." The dog paid the penalty of his simplicity, and all was quiet once more. The hyena was preparing to leave, when he heard an ominous sound that sent him crouching against the wall. It was the pattering of the leopard's feet at the door. "Quick! Under this calabash!" cries his host, and the hyena curls up in the fatal cache, only to meet a like fate from his more courageous enemy. "My debt is repaid," said the leopard, and ran against the lion coming in. A terrible fight ensued, for the leopard and the lion are equal in strength, so the natives say. When blood and dust make havoc in the house and both animals are exhausting their strength the spider is busy at the fire. Seizing a pot of boiling grease, he pours it over the clawing mass. Leopard and lion roll apart in their death agony, and the spider has only to straighten and clean up before resuming once more the humdrum life of fly catching. No wonder he is known as "Maiwayo," the crafty one.

AUTOMATIC FOOTBALL.

Actions of One Player After a Kick In the Head.

"Speaking of queer things in football," said an old player, "I recall a game that was played at Annapolis some years ago between Columbia and the Naval academy teams.

"One of the men on the Columbia team, the quarterback and a very prominent player of the year, started the game in good condition, but after part of the first half he was kicked in the head in one scrimmage. It took some time to get him around, but he suddenly arose and gave a signal. The two teams lined up and play went right on.

"This man went through the game, and no one noticed that anything was wrong with him. When the game was over and the Columbia team was on the way back to New York in the train this player, who had appeared to be in a brown study, suddenly turned to the man next to him and asked, 'Who won the game—what was the score?' and a number of other questions that made it seem as if he hadn't been anywhere near the field of play.

"The players were greatly surprised and thought perhaps the kick in the head had hurt the man so that his mind was affected. Later they learned that he was unable to tell what happened from the moment he got the kick in the head until the time he recovered consciousness, so to speak, on the train.

"His playing of quarterback and his giving of signals had been entirely automatic, or, rather, subconscious. That case was referred to frequently in the psychology courses at Columbia, you may well imagine."—New York Sun.

Bismarck and Music.

Bismarck's utterances regarding music are compiled in a book by Keudell, "Furst und Furstin Bismarck, Erinnerungen aus den Jahren, 1846-1872." Kendell once saw the man of blood and iron shed tears during a performance of Beethoven's Sonata Appasionata. His favorite composers were Beethoven and Schubert. The only thing he did not like in their works was the variations. These, he said, "do not speak to the heart." Concerning the sonata just referred to he remarked: "This is like the singing and sobbing of a whole human life. If I heard this music often I should always be brave."

Ma Meant Well Anyway.

A young woman overheard an old negrees call to a pickaninny, "Come back, Exy, Exy!"

"Excuse me," said the young woman, "but isn't that a queer name for a baby, aunty?"

"Dat ain't her full name," explained the old woman, with pride; "dat's jes' de pet name I call fer short. Dat chile got a mighty grand name. Her ma picked it out in a medicine book. Yessum, de chile's full name is Eczema."—Ladies' Home Journal.

The Basis.

He—I wonder if we can get along all right. She—Certainly. We can buy the auto with the money father left me, and you will surely make enough to pay for running it, don't you think?—Puck.

The more one speaks of himself the less he likes to hear another talked of.—Lavater.

THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICE.

Following is the list of Negroes in the diplomatic and consular service:

Henry W. Furniss, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Port au Prince, Haiti, salary $10,000.

Ernest Lyon, Minister Resident and Consul General at Monrovia, Liberia; salary $5,000.

George W. Ellis, Secretary of Legation at Monrovia, Liberia; salary $2,000.

William J. Yerby, Consul at Leone, West Africa; salary $2,000.

James G. Carter, Consul at Tamatave, Madagascar; salary $2,500.

Christopher H. Payne, Consul at St. Thomas, West Indies; salary $3,000.

George H. Jackson, Consul at Cognac, France; salary $3,000.

Lemuel W. Livingston, Consul at Cape Haitien, Haiti; salary $2,000.

William H. Hunt, Consul at St. Etienne, France; salary $2,500.

Herbert R. Wright, Consul at Utila, Honduras; salary $2,000.

James W. Johnson, Consul at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela; salary $2,000.

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Special to THE FREEMAN.

The matinee dance given Christmas day by William Dickerson and Harry Addison was well attendedd; several young society buds made their debut. The music was par excellence and taken has a whole was a "howling success."...Quite a number of strangers are in the city visiting during the holidays and a great many young people who have been living in other cities have returned to spend a few days at home with the folks...Mrs. Martha Green of Leesburg is visiting Mrs. Pearl Stanhope...Miss Maria Adams, who has been attending Wilberforce University, and Leslie Adams, who has been employed at the Chittenden in Columbus, are visiting their parents...Pearl Gales, who has been making his home in Cleveland, was in the city renewing old acquaintances...Misses May and Maggie Adams of Columbus are visiting their parents...The barber shop, bath room, grill room and pool room recently opened by two of Urbana's hustling young men, Richard Stanhope and John Brown, known as the Miami, is quite an addition to Urbana's colored enterprises and has filled a long needed want and is sure to be a success.

BUYS REAL ESTATE IN CHICAGO.

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CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—Special.—W. T. Green, a prominent Negro lawyer living at Milwaukee, Wis., has purchased a magnificent three-story residence on Forest avenue, Chicago. The property is complete and up to date with all modern improvements and includes a two-story brick barn in the rear. The sale was negotiated through J. J. Miles, formerly of Milwaukee, now in the real estate business in Chicago. The consideration, which was cash, is not named.

HUMPHREY, ARK.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prince Jones, the hustling nursery agent of Dumas, was in our city one day last week on business...Miss Elva Gross and sister visited the A. M. E. Sunday school last Sunday...Miss Becky Gause and sister-in-law made a flying trip to the City of Roses last Sunday...Peter Gause, who has been in the hospital at Little Rock for two weeks, undergoing a surgical operation, is reported much improved at this writing...Our town and community was met with a great shock and sadness when on early Sunday morning we received the sad news of the death of Jones McYakee, the son of Mose McGahee, who was shot to death at an early hour Sunday morning by an accomplice with whom he was gambling.

MOUNDS, ILL., Dec. 29, 1908.
Editor of The Freeman.

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His Lesson In Love.

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Had they only known it two of them were ripe to fall into love's basket. For months Billy Gillen had watched the shapely brown head bent over the typewriter desk without realizing that his appreciation of brown hair with glints of gold was merely an indication of a deeper feeling.

For as many moons Ida Pawling had assured herself that without the kindly aid of "that nice Mr. Gillen" office life would be impossible, and she had not recognized in this feeling anything but an appreciation of his courtesy.

Even the fact that Billy took to going to church—her church—regularly, sitting where he could catch the same glimpse of brown hair that was his to enjoy in the office, did not open his eyes, and this story might have ended as it had begun—in polite nothings—had it not been for those letters.

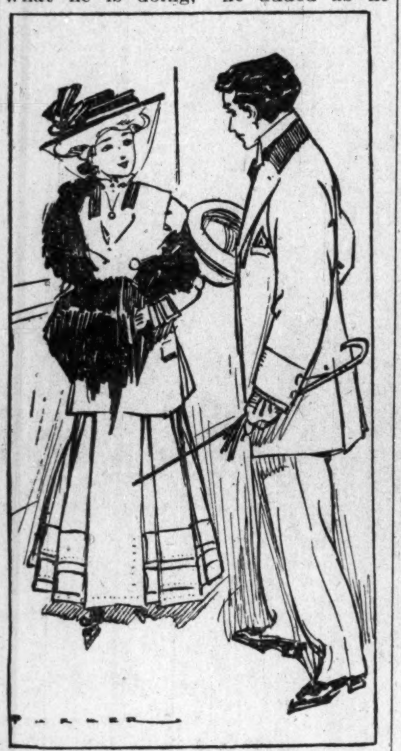
There were two of them, and the office boy, with an appreciation of the fitness of things, propped them up on the desks of their recipients. Here they were being admired by the early birds of the office staff when Billy came in with his brisk "Good morning."

His smile only broadened when he saw upon his desk the red envelope with the huge black legend:

> Are you going to be married?
> Own your own home.

"Too bad that some one wasted a two cent stamp to give me that advice," he cried. "I wonder what put them up to it."

"Knowledge of coming events," suggested the head bookkeeper, and the rest laughed, for they were not blind, if Billy was. "There is method in what he is doing," he added as he nodded in the direction of Miss Pawling's desk.



"HAVE YOU SOME MAGIC CARPET THAT TRANSPORTS YOU?"

Billy caught a glimpse of a red envelope on the girl's blotter and sprang for it, but the bookkeeper intercepted him.

"It's against the law to interfere with the United States mail," he reminded. "You can't have a letter addressed to Miss Pawling."

"It's not a letter! It's an outrage," shouted Billy as he struggled to reach the desk. Before he could free himself Ida entered, and, with a curious glance at the little knot of struggling men, she moved quietly to her desk.

She had seen the gaudy envelope in Billy's hand, and when she found one like it on her desk she guessed the cause of the confusion. The men had stopped wrestling with Billy, and now the glances of the entire office were upon her.

With a woman's sixth sense she could feel their interest, and with slow movement she reached for the glaring envelope, glanced at the bold, black type, tore it across without opening it and raised the lid of her desk.

As the flaming fragments fell into the basket the spell was broken. The clerks moved to their desks and resumed their work. The incident was forgotten by all save Billy, who determined to locate the man who had sent the letters or planned the rude jest and to give him the thrashing of his life. For himself he did not mind, but it was both unmanly and unjust to subject the girl to such an indignity.

All day long he brooded over the matter, and when the office closed he was as far from a solution of the problem as ever, so he determined to ask Ida's assistance.

He lingered for a moment after she left, that the others might not suspect his plan; then he slipped out, and, by taking a short cut through the alley, he managed to emerge on the next street, breathless, but successful, for Ida had just turned the corner half a block beyond.

She was startled to find him waiting for her.

"Why, you were in the office when I left!" she cried wonderingly. "Have you some magic carpet that transports you?"

Billy glanced down at his rather neat patent leathers.

"I guess you could not exactly call these a carpet," he suggested, with a laugh. "I cut through the alley and got here first. I purposely let you get out ahead of me, so that the others would not talk. I want to know if you have any idea as to who sent those letters to us?"

"I did not notice the name of the company," she said, with a steady voice. "But you know that the elevator men and the janitor are paid for the names of tenants in all buildings."

"That isn't it," he said determinedly. "We were the only two in the entire office building to receive them. I asked the postman when I went to lunch. Some one sent them to us to start trouble. It must have been some one in the office, because they are the only ones who know that—that—I like you very much."

"Don't you like the other girls too?" Ida's tones were cool and level, though her heart beat uncomfortably fast. "I think that Miss Bender is a dear, and one can't help liking Mrs. Crouch."

"It's not just that sort of like," explained Billy. "I think that it must have been Travers who sent them. From where he sits he can see me looking at you, and I guess he suspects."

"Suspects?" echoed Ida.

"Well, I can't keep the love out of my eyes when I sit there," went on Billy lamely. "I didn't know it was love—I didn't until this morning, that is. I guess it must have been love all along, though, for ever since you came into the office I've had trouble with my books, and now I know it was because I could look at you. Then I'd put down a wrong figure and have to stay after hours to strike a balance."

"I'm sorry that I have such an effect," began Ida, but Billy signaled for silence.

"Now that I know where I stand I want to tell you," he went on impetuously. "I do want to own a home, and I want you to be its mistress. Won't you, Ida?" he asked softly as he took her hand in his.

"I think it is—yes, Billy," she whispered as she turned a happy face to his eager eyes. "I guess that circular opened my eyes too."

"And to think that we tore up the advertisement. We ought to let that chap sell us a home. He deserves it for bringing us together. When I earn a home we'll be married, dear."

"Doesn't it take an awfully long time to earn a home?" she asked in sweet confusion, and Billy was enraptured.

Billy sought the minister a couple of weeks later to arrange for the quiet wedding, and when the details had been settled the kindly old man laid a detaining hand on Billy's shoulder.

"It is well to be provident, my lad," he said impressively. "You should save your money and with it buy a home. There is a company which gives the church a commission on all sales through us. You must have had their letter. I gave them your address. In case you have lost it"—

He crossed to his desk and drew from it a red envelope. Even across the room Billy recognized it.

"I'll be hanged," he said in mild surprise. "I didn't dream that even the minister got wise before I did. I was the last one to get next to my own heart." And he made a mental note to give a double fee to this man who had read him aright.

Big Oysters.

Pliny mentions that, according to the historians of Alexander's expedition, oysters a foot in diameter were found in the Indian seas. And Sir James Tennant was unexpectedly enabled to corroborate the correctness of this statement, for near Trincomali enormous specimens of edible oysters were brought before him. One of these was found to measure more than eleven inches in length by half as many in width.

But this extraordinary measurement is beaten by the oysters of Port Lincoln, South Australia, which are the largest edible ones in the world. They are as large as a dinner plate and of much the same shape. They are sometimes more than a foot across the shell, and the oyster fits its habitation so well that it does not leave much if any margin.

It is no uncommon experience in that quarter for a person who is hungry to have one oyster, fried in butter or in eggs and breadcrumbs, set before him. The delicacy of flavor of the Port Lincoln mammoth is famous, even in that land of luxuries, and one is ample even for a hearty appetite.

Knocked Out the Poetry.

James Russell Lowell was dreamily strolling along toward his home in Cambridge one unusually beautiful night. Slowly, with serene, queenly majesty, a full moon was ascending her "azure throne," pouring her lavish light over all things and softening into semblances of beauty even the ugly outlines of the conventional domestic architecture around about. Duly illuminated by the loveliness of the spectacle, the poet as he passed by the house of the estimable brother man who supplied meat to him regularly for a slight consideration of profit noticed that valuable citizen leaning on his fence and gazing up in a kind of rapt way.

It pleased Lowell to think that the butcher's immortal soul was bathing itself in the flood of semispiritual moonlight, and, pausing, he remarked, "What a beautiful night it is, neighbor!"

"Yes, Mr. Lowell. I was just a-thinkin' what a bully night for a slaughterin' this would be!"

"Of course, of course!" gasped the poet, beating a hasty retreat.

Felt the Test.

"Do you believe in hypnotism?"

"I have to."

"Why?"

"Fellow made me pay a bill today."

THE PASSING OF NORD ALEXIS.

Quite a remarkable contrast between the passing of Nord Alexis, deposed president of Haiti, and that of that other Haitian, Tousaint L'Overture. Their careers were nothing similar, yet each were distinguished and without doubt left their impress on history. This is particularly true of L'Overture, who fought his way up from the auction pen to the first place among his countrymen. Napoleon, with whom he had the distinguished pleasure of negotiating, secured him on his throne. His name and doings were subjects for discussion in the councils of France. When France broke with the king and the past, when Mirabeau, Robespierre, Dr. Guillotine and his guillotine and the rest of them appeared in the front of affairs; when all France beyond marched on Paris and the king, tramping to the tune of "bread, bread, bread;" when the demonstration had been made against that most detestable institution, the bastile the restless spirit spread to the far-off Haiti, and out of which sprang Napoeon and L'Overture. These two men had similar careers, that of L'Overture being in miniature to that of Napoleon. Their genius according to the sphere of action were not unlike—their curtain falls, alas, were not very unlike.

The thought of the passing of L'Overture, with its sad finale, also escorted on French shipboard as his successor Alexis, should have been an everlasting influence against needless persecution, although prosecuting the design of war. It appears that the French from a viewpoint of neglected honorable obligation to a stricken leader, chose this occasion to render good—squaring with dastardly deed committed somewhere within the prison rocks of France, and where none know but the insensate stones—they will not yield up their secrets. How vivid this all should have been to those of the other day when Nord Alexis was being escorted to safety on a French vessel! Fleeing the wrath of his own people. Loved for the protection given, esteemed for wisdom, sagacity and leadership, for victories won over superior forces, he, L'Overture, broken at last by the influence of gold, deserted or hopelessly enmeshed by the Judases about him, went alone to his fate.

The French people of France have paid the debt. When the old man sat within his palace, stern and defiant as Menelik, the people thundering without, demanding that he quit the city, quite an impossible act had it not been for the interference on the part of France. It is now a matter of history how Alexis was protected from personal assault on his way to the vessel. It is no new thing for the populace to be ephemeral, wafting about, capricious as the breezes. Shakespeare would have said in case of the Haitian President that yesterday he were among the superior thoughts of all the world, but to day "none is so low as to do him reverence." The Haitian rabble did not thing as the history of rabbles show. It was not interested in the conservation of the nation's history in the best sense. But neevrtheless it has made history, most awful history—its parallel is not among civilized nations. And again, with Shakespeare, when shall we look on his like again?—a great, towering black giant, kingly in aspect, preserved in intellect, in all of his senses—full ninety years withal! The aneicnt orators would say, "O, ye generation of vipers, how have you sent out this Paul from among you? Not as becomes a ruler, the associate of kings. History, where is your parallel? It is dumb, stunned by the happening.

Charles I went to a dignified death; Abraham Lincoln was shot; Napoleon was banished, the hush of the bastile had its victims. So, in various ways, the great have passed off the stage, but not so inglorious as this passing of the foremost president of the foremost Negro nation on earth.

In spite of how we may view it, how many may view the action of the Haitians; civilization has already wrote it down and made the necessary comment. It goes without saying that the footnote will be emphatic if short. The whole unfortunate affair tests the capability of utmost Negro citizenship, and with what result the world needs no interpreter. Striking down the fallen foe is almost an unpardonable sin. In the roped arena where fistic strife rules, men are allowed to rise if they can within a given time. To strike a man when down woud be a signal for the onslaught of his partisans if not by all, making short work of him who struck. The Haitians did not observe these common principles even when their chief was concerned. He passed in humiliation through a gauntlet of his countrymen, an unnecessary trial to him who had lost, but a test, neevrtheless, of the inhumanity of man to man, as Alexander Pope would say, making "countless millions mourn."

Really, we can conceive of no condition, of no act of the fallen president that called for a treatment unclassified in the history of punishment. It does not say that cruelty is a thing of genius, a thing desired. The tendency of the age is towards needless exposure, needless suffering, conceding humaneness even to those spiritually distorted. To avoid just such sows is it, and especially those who have been of merit, of standing. Stripped of his prerogative of office Nord Alexis was yet a man, a great man, and to whom the office of president added nothing excepting prestige.

The Haitian Negroes will bear in mind that as Negroes they are on trial. If they feel to have come up by means of this late exhibition, they have made a mstake. Nations do not take pride in setting men from power; it is done with uncovered heads very often, as at the grave. We of this country are affected, the most of us—those who read and think of what has happened.

The world will not stand for many such like exhibitons. The sisterhood of nations maintain in the occident; some are bucolc enough, volcanic as the belt in which they are situate, yet they have no dramatic taking off, furnishing spectacles for the world's amusement. The world is indeed amused, but it will not pay the price. Haiti has furnished the entertainment and Haiti will pay for the same. And, most unfortunately, not only Haiti, but the Negroes everywhere.

TROY, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Freeman's representative, W. H. Wallace, was nicely entertained Friday evening, December 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. High, on East Academy street....Mr. William Key and Mrs. Jimmie Terry were married Thursday evening, December 24. ....Mr. Charlie Lewis, of Luverne, Ala., spent several days in Troy, the guest of relatives, Mrs. Winnie Baskin....Rev. C. J. Hatcher was entertained last week at the home of Miss Annie Nunn....Mr. Asia Murphree, a young man well known in Troy, died at his home on Peacock avenue December 19. The funeral was conducted by Revs. Mitchell and Clayton. He was a young man well thought of by all who knew him and his death has caused quite a shock to his many friends in Troy. He was a K. of P., a member of the fire department. Notwithstanding the inclement weather the funeral procession was the largest seen here in many days.

JACKSON, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Ethel Prebble, who has been so sick at the White Cross Sanitarium, is improving....Mr. and Mrs. F. Butler, of Buffalo, are in the city visiting her father, G. D. McTyre....Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Washington, of Niles, is in our city visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. Brooks....The Christmas dance given by the young ladies of Jackson was largely attended.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Austin Carter of Superior avenue was a St. Louis visitor during the holidays...Miss Dice of Bloomington, Ill., was the guest recently of Miss Josie Tate. ...Mrs. Harriatt Roberts of Superior avenue is still very ill...Mrs. Nathan Reed of Superior avenue was on the sick list last week...An excellent program was rendered December 24 at the Bethel A. M. E. Church and also a drama was given. A beautiful Christmas tree was loaded with presents. Each Sunday school pupil was given a box of candy. The entertainment was largely attended...Miss Katherine Coleman, who has been ill, has been taken to her home on South Mauraisterre street...Mass meeting was held December 27 at the Mt. Emory Baptist Church and was largely attended...Robtert Wright is able to be about...An excellent Christmas program was rendered by Miss Alberta O'Leary on December 25 at the Second Christian Church, which was largely attended. Each Sunday school pupil was given a box of candy. An arch was beautifully decorated. The program consisted of songs, readings and recitations. Miss Helen Haithman and Roy Ross did splendid on their recitations...Miss Florence School of Quincy, Ill., preached an able sermon at the Second Christian Church on Sunday night ...Miss Serena Herman, who is teaching school in Mound City, Ill., is spending the holidays with her parents.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Lettie Patton of Texas arrived in the city Sunday, Dec. 27, to visit her relatives on Twelfth street and Thirty-fifth avenue. She will remain for a week or ten dadys...On Sunday, Dec. 27, the New Hope Baptist Sabbath school elected officers for 1909 as follows: Superintendent, H. H. Hollie; assistant, H. R. Pearson; secretary, Mary Pearson; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Ellis; organist and librarian, S. M. Walker...Robert S. Jones in closing a door braced himself too heavily against it and his left hand broke through the glass and cut his wrist very severely. ...Louis Eastland was shaking hands with his many friends in Meridian on Sunday, Dec. 27. He left for his home in Mobile, Ala., in the afternoon...Robert Gilly, a well-known colored citizen, after a short illness died at his home on 34th avenue on Dec. 25. His funeral was from St. Paul M. E. Church under the auspices of the Knights and Ladies of Honor of the world. Rev. S. A. Cowan preached the funeral sermon and was assisted by Rev. A. J. McNair, who paid a beautiful tribute to the deceased. Interment in the L. S. and D. cemetery...Rev. L. S. Lee, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, on Sunday, Dec. 27, the last Sabbath in 1908, preached two able sermons at his church Sunday evening and at the night services. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity...El Bethel Baptist Church on Dec. 23 met and called Rev. Hicks of Shreveport, La., as their pastor for 1909. Rev. Dr. H. W. Bowens, the present pastor, will soon go to Oklahoma...Early Brock went up to Louderglade, Miss., on Dec. 25 to spend Christmas with his relatives.

QUINCY, ILL.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders has returned from Clarksville, Mo...Mrs. Sarah Welker of Kansas City is visiting her daughter in the city.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 9, 1909.

The New York Age and the Florida Sentinel got out meritorious Christmas issues.

Business has begun again about the Indiana Legislature, mostly among the members of the "third" house.

Booker T. Washington was the yeast of New Year's week. Indianapolis has been highly favored.

It is said that the All Nations Club at the Chicago University excludes the Negro. What do you think of that?

Burns got a top-notch price for the slugging he received at the hands of Johnson. He could afford to have it happen again at that price.

The Defender Publishing Company, of Chicago, will furnish patent matter for Negro publications. It will pertain mostly to the race.

The thoughtful are watching to see if the Democratic Indiana Legislature will bestow the United States Senatorship on whom it best belongs.

The maximum of welcome, the minimum of restriction is the door of hope to the white man in Australia. The "colored" races are not expected.

The Negro race must save itself if it is saved at all. All eyes are being opened to the fact. The beauty of it is that there is plenty opportunity.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows is said to own the finest office building by Negroes in the country. It cost $135,000; it is in Philadelphia.

The Democrats have been duly installed in the various offices they won at the recent election. They ought to make an exemplary set after all the previous ruck.

The white druggist who took a shot at a Negro last week when he didn't know it will have a long while to reflect. Judge Whallon gave him ninety days and fined him $5.

The American Negro Academy, the association of Negroes that have achieved something by way of letters, should have let a fellow know it was in existence long ere this.

Nord Alexis and Castro in exile. Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown. We imagine some people would give much to be small and insignificant again—out of the pubic view.

Rev. Harmon, of the Atlanta district, will fight for his job. He will unhorse the bishop if he can. The brainy, brilliant Smith is not very readily unhorsed, as it has been demonstrated.

Jeffries, the retired ex-champion, may be induced to fight after all. He is said to be the white man's hope in wresting the championship from the big Negro. All kinds of money is being offered him, win, lose or draw.

Senator Tillman has let the cat out of the bag. He says that higher education of the Negroes means their supremacy. Heretofore he has held that the white people were to fear viciousness and immorality in them.

The Chinese have the greatest respect for the aged; they do many things in China which we consider backward. In the matter of respect to the aged they struck it right even if they did stumble on it going backward.

Dr. Washington has never appeared better than he did in the three speeches that he made while in Indianapolis. He carried his audience with him. His address under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. seemed to be "the master effort of his life."

Rev. Dr. Frank ,who was a speaker at the Emancipation day celebration in this city, is one of the leading preachers of the Baptist church. He holds forth at the well-known Fifth Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., one of the leading Negro congregations in the country.

Booker T. Washington's model rural school will have living rooms for the teacher's family, four in all—a sitting room, dining room, bed room and kitchen. Pupils will practically have charge and for the purpose, as Mr. Washington states, of having pupils know more of actual life before entering on it.

The people, it will be taken for granted, are well pleased with the action of the President and the two houses of Congress in voting the large sum of $800,000 for the relief of the earthquake sufferers of Italy; they are no less eager to show a stricken people they are in sympathy with distress and calamity wherever it may be.

That immortal fine apparently won't stick. Mr. John D. made a fine witness on the stand, not that he said anything much about the Standard Oil Company one way or the other. He delivered some beautiful homiletics on right living, economy, philanthropy and so forth. As a writer, Mr. John would have made it also; he talks so suavely, don't you know.

When standing for higher education, we also stand for industrialism—the field, the dining room, the kitchen. To oppose higher education means opposition to race progression. There must be those of the greater outlook to pilot the people to security. We only are against downright ignorance, and, of course, some forms of half-education that is often too assertive.

President-elect Taft does not think very much of proposed amendment to the Maryland constitution. He says that it is not drawn in the spirit of justice and equality having regard for the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments. The amendment in question is one of those election qualifiers; it will be submitted to the voters next fall. The stand taken by the President-elect may mean its defeat.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AT CALEB MILLS HALL.

Booker T. Washington, the well-known educator, was at Caleb Mills Hall, in this city, last Thursday evening. According to the vast number assembled to greet him, Mr. Washington has lost nothing of his popularity. Long before the appointed hour the great hall was crowded to overflowing with white people and colored people who were anxious to hear something from the lips of the apostle of industrialism. Mr. Washington uttered wholesome doctrine along general educational lines and on correct living based on the known racial relation.

The speaker called attention to the fact that while he had been assailed for his industrial views that the institutions of higher learning about Indianapolis, Butler College and the Institute of Technology, had but very few pupils—five all told. It would appear that if the people were really in earnest about higher education they would take more advantage of it when it is possible to do so.

Mr. Washington said that much can be done by the race at self-help. Worthy business institutions are to be promoted, thus helping in solving the problem. He thinks very little of the individual who puts his all on his back. He called attention to the deportment of the young, showing that much depended on right acting.

As usual, Mr. Washington's remarks were punctuated by witty sayings and apt stories, which were highly enjoyed by the audience. The Y. M. C. A., under whose auspices the speaker came, have reason to feel proud of the great success.

PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AND DR. JOHN H. FRANK SPEAK AT THE EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.

The well-known Rev. Dr. John H. Frank, of Louisville, delivered the Emancipation day address at Bethel A. M. E. Church last Friday. He was optimistic of the race's future. He made a plea for pure Negro men and women of high purposes and resolves for leadership. With commendable pride he mentioned the fact that 4,000,000 of our forefathers who stepped out into the world without a second suit of clothes, no home or money, had made such progress as to attract the world's attention. The next half hundred years, he predicts, will see much more of the race's prosperity. He said:

"The colored people of America are the most talked about of any people of the world, I believe. People write about them, sing songs about them, preach about them, pray about them, lecture about them. Certainly we must amount to something or all this fuss would not be made about us. Some people say the negro is an inferior sort of a being and therefore must be subordinate.

"That, however, is not the case. Brethren, we have come up through trials and tribulations until now we have become a very important part of this country. We have reached the place where we can demand the station in life which we deserve.

"As we look over our people we see a great many things of which we are ashamed. We see sin among our people, and sin is a curse to any race. We need good men and women to lead us. It is not in the barrel houses and gambling dens of Indianapolis or any other city where you will find the ones who are to lead us in the future. Enough money is wasted in those places to buy every colored person in Indianapolis a home. Those things are as a stone tied to the wing of a bird. The past of the colored race is behind us; the present is rapidly passing and the golden age for our people is in the future."

Booker T. Washington was also a speaker at the Emancipation celebration. He spoke in the morning, addressing the colored school teachers. Mr. Washington was introduced by Superintendent C. N. Kendall, of the Indianapolis schools. In his speech, complimentary reference was made to Ezra Roberts, formerly of Indianapolis, now teacher at Tuskegee. In speaking on the subject of teaching, Mr. Washington said:

"The success which rewards a teacher comes to him according as he puts his own soul into his work. Teaching in the colored schools of the North and of the South are widely different. There are different accommodations for both teacher and pupils. In the South the compensation is very meager, the average expenditure for the year's schooling of a Southern Negro child being $2, while in New York the average cost of teaching a colored child for a year is $22.

There are peculiar problems in the North also. The shifting populations of the cities make it difficult for the teacher to keep in touch with the home life of the pupils. The moral conditions in a Northern city are not so good as in the country, where the saloons are few. Indianapolis is considered a haven for Negroes who leave the South, and that makes an added problem for the teachers of this city. The teacher can not be a machine, a phonograph; he can not sidestep conditions."

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Watch meetings were the cause of mang great gatherings in the metropolis.... Many were wined and dinned out of a good job during the Christmas holidays. ....The Law and Order Club saved much lawlessness being done in the colored districts during the holiday by asking for a double force of officers among the tough districts in the city among our people, and the result is we had less drunks rowdies and crime, and the verdict of many is that it was the finest Christmas ever passed in this city. You are asked to continue the uplifting of the meek and lowly in every part of the city....The Endowment Board of the K. of P. jurisdiction in Texas met here this week and concluded business of important affecting that body in the state. They were shown many courtisies by members of the order. ....Mr. Dock Rowen, one of the wealthiest Negroes in the state, has promised the ladies of the Library Association $500 to aid in purchasing a permanent home here....Mrs. Moses Hendricks and her two daughters, of Mexico, are here visiting relatives and friends on Fuqua street. ....Governor Tom Campbell, of this state, is determined to get rid of every kind of gambling in the state. He offers $100 for the arrest and conviction of any one found guilty of breaking these laws.... The lasso Social Club has opened a suite of rooms in East Elm street, where they will from time to time invite and entertain their many friends. The club is composed of some of the best young men in the city who are trying to make the young men of Dallas see the moving spirit in the right to better citieznship....Little Odesia Whitley, of Marlin, spent several days here visiting her father, J. W. Whitley, on Colby street....Grand Master John G. Lewis, of the state of Louisiana, was the honored guest of Mr. Morris Weil, on Williams street. While here he met many old friends to whom he talked Masonry. ....Why do so many of our people take to the inferior quality of things instead of the best, which is offered to them by all. The time is now here for us to choose the best that money will get and try to make a place in this world for the rights of self and others.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Copies of The Freeman are on sale at Mrs. G. W. Hume's cafe at 419 East Pearl street, near the Union Station...A large crowd greeted the initial appearance of the Elks minstrel last Wednesday night, Dec. 30, at the Opera House. This superb company is made up of members of the I. B. P. O. E. here, all of whom played their parts well. The opening represented waiters, several beautiful ladies dressed in beautiful white dresses with several gentlemen dressed in splendid uniforms, carrying flags and singing the grand opening chorus. Those who sung in the opening and their songs follow. "O Gee, Be Sweet to Me, Kid," Mrs. Mary Porter; "Mandy Lane," A. Bruce; "Clover Blossoms," J. D. Biggs; "Everybody's Picking on Me," Morgan Collins; "Excuse Me," Luther Jones; "Sometimes," Mrs. Vabarie Bruce; "Baby Doll," Ellis Hudson; "Goodbye, Sweetheart, Goodbye," R. Mouppins; "Somethin' on My Mind," M. Royal. R. W. Thomas, the clever interlocutor, proved himself well equal to the occasion. The gags were all new and up-to-date. The Ft. Worth Orchestra, headed by Peter Dorchester, played several fine selections. The leading features of the olio consisted of some up-to-date crack work by John Crains, the magician; a beautiful song, "Rainbow," Miss E. Walton, assisted by five ladies; a love song beautifully sung by Miss E. Walton and M. Royal; a grand musical comedy, "When the Swell Four Hundred Entertained the Nashville Students," by the company. The finale consisted of several high-class musical numbers. Royal's famous orchestra furnished the music.

JOPLIN, MO.

Editor of THE FREEMAN:

Wm. Carpenter and lady have moved to Webb City...Mrs. Effie Givens has returned home after spending the holidays with relatives in Neosho...The city schools reopened Monday with large attendance. We are glad to note the interest parents are taking in sending their children to school. Where intelligence predominates, ignorance must succumb... A surprise party was tendered Rev. Lockwood of the Trinity M. E. Church last Saturday evening by members and friends of his church. The parcels of good things presented were a token of the splendid work he is doing here...Miss Fuel, one of the teachers in the Lincoln school, spent the holidays in Kansas City in attendance of the convention of the Teachers Association, and reports a splendid session...Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eastman are domiciled at Rev. Moore's...Services were well attended at the different churches Sunday...Why shouldn't some energetic young man or lady organize a reading circle or lyceum? We have the talent. Who will be the first to call a meeting?...The installation of the K. of P. officers last Friday night, Jan. 1, was one of the grandest occasions of the season. The Curtis New Cornet Band furnished excellent music. Refreshments and supper were served and everyone went away in loud praise.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The marriage of Miss Blanche Fulp and W. Scott on the 23d was very beautiful. The house was tastily decorated. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. Alfred Lockwood at 8 p. m. at the residence of the bride's parents, 2125 Broadway...Mr. and Mrs. William Norton are at home to their friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Dickerson near Fort Wright...H. Mables, who has been visiting Chas. Davis for two weeks, left on the 23d for Seattle, Wash...The grand musical and testimonial that was given at Calvary Baptist Church on the 22d was a success...Wm. McKinney, known as "Dad," had a paralytic stroke on the 22d, which left his left side helpless. He was removed to the hospital and at this writing is reported improving slowly... Quite a bunch of the young people gave Mr. and Mrs. John H. Thompson a surprise on the evening of the 28th. The evening was spent in games and music... Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Curtley entertained a few friends on the 27th at a game dinner. Covers were laid for eight. The party retired wishing the host and hostess a happy New Year...Miss A. Craven kept open house to all her friends on New Year's day...R. Reed of Colorado spent the holidays with his sisters, Mrs. M. Mops and Miss B. Reed, of this city... The Spokane waiters rendered the following program at the A. M. E. Church December 22: Overture. Miss Lucile Perkins; opening chorus, Silver Grill Quartet; by request, Harry Simmons; address, Chas. Parker; vocal solo, Leo Porter; recitation, Mrs. Simmons; mandolin and guitar selection, Davis and Mables; dramatic reading, A. Goff and J. Tebou; "Poet and Peasant" overture, Mr. Covington, pianist; vocal solo, Miss Triplett; mandolin solo, "Song Without Words," C. W. Davis; vocal solo, C. H. Heath; recitation, R. R. Greene. A. S. Covington was pianist for the evening.

FLINT, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The following were elected trustees of the A. M. E. Church. S. Lawrence, A. A. Linney, B. H. Jones, W. H. Graves and J. Walker. The following were elected as officers of the Sunday school. Rev. Beck, superintendent; Mrs. J. O. Linney, assistant superintendent; Miss Flora Lawrence, secretary; Miss Bernice Walker, assistant secretary, and Mrs. M. A. Wright, treasurer.... Miss M. Bailey spent last week visiting in Howell....Miss G. Burch spent New Years in Port Huron....Fred Bailey spent New Years in Howell....Mr. Johnson, of Lapeer, is visiting his son, on Ninth street....Mrs. H. O. Martin is on the sick list....Glenn, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown, of Elm street, died January 3.... Misses Ida and Flossie Allen, of Howell, and Mesrs. Baylis Allen, of Cadillac, and James Allen, of Edmore, attended the dance January 1, and returned to their several homes after spending a pleasant day visiting in Flint....Mrs. Robert Wright gave a tea December 25, in honor of her friends, and a most delightful evening was spent.... Mr. Foot, of Saginaw, is visiting at the home of Mr. J. Wright.

TROY, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

St. Paul A. M. E. Sunday school is increasing each Sunday, both in number of pupils and financially....Mr. and Mrs. Walter Love, of Fairview avenue, delightfully entertained at dinner Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Toney Eubanks, Mrs. Rena Jefferson and W. H. Wallace....Mrs. Lucy Seals has returned to Eufaula, Ala., after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slayton and Mrs. Wm. Murphree....Mrs. Bazila Kitchen and Mrs. Minnie Printer spent several days in Brundidge, Ala., last week....Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Harris entertained at dinner December 26 the following guests: Mrs. Press Thomas, Mrs. W. O. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Love. ....Mrs. Lucy Hopkins departed this life December 31....Mrs. Mollie Paul spent the Christmas holidays in the city....Mr. Henry Boram, of Ozark, Ala., was the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Katie Jones.

MT. VERNON, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The King David Relief Corps held its annual initiation at the Free Baptist Church Saturday night and was installed by Mrs. Mollie Brinkman and her assistants, Miss Pearl Knowel, head ladies of the white Relief Corps. The installation was well attended and was a success financially as well as socially...Miss Sarah Hancock of Henderson, Ky., is visiting her cousin, Miss Minerva Kennedy...The A. M. E. Church has begun a series of meetings.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Albert Lucas and Mrs. Josephine Evans were married on New Year's eve.... The A. M. E. Church had a watch meeting on New Year's eve. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dungill. The subject was "The Resurrection of Christ"....The A. M. E. Church gave a musical concert, which was largely attended by both white and colored....Miss L. Harris gave a party at her home on Walbridge street....Mrs. Cora Singer entertained friends on New Year's night....The Baptist Church is holding a protracted meeting.

ADDITIONAL STAGE NOTES

SYLVESTER RUSSELL NOTES.

Something new all the time.

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Wesley Norris and Stella Wiley have joined hands and should make a strong vaudeville attraction.

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Colored theatres is one thing; stock Companies is another; we have a limited supply of composers, "thank Judas," but where do the playwrights come in?

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Freeman subscribers are very foolish to loan their paper to people who are just as able to subscribe as they are. Please bear in mind that it takes a lot of subscriptions to pay a stage-critic. Lending your paper also cheats the local dealers of their sales. Now, if you really want plenty of stage news please see that your neighbor becomes a subscriber.

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The elertness with which Salam Tutt Whitney emerged into prominence as the leading comedian of Black Patti's Troubadours and the quickness with which he ducked out again, beats all. And he has even carried Homer Tutt with him. The way these two half brothers stick together just beats everything. Manager Voelckel had him featured as "Tutt" Whitney, but with Homer Tutt both names were seen on the program. How confusing! When he gets his name all nicely pressed out and creases we should like to see him addressed as Mr. Salam Whitney.

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Joseph Douglass, the violinist, grandson of Frederick the great Philosopher, warmed up when he wrote to "Lester dear" commending the new Age stage page. He asserted that the Age is now the greatest newspaper in the business, but he forgot that T. Thomas Fortune was the greatest editor in the field and that when Fortune retired the Age was made larger but not greater. If Mr. Douglass should be asked who is the greatest critic in the newspaper business or which paper has the largest circulation, both of which have nicely aided his cause, he would probably be able to remember a Freeman press notice he got from the critic who gives performers a reputation and who writes on the most popular colored newspaper in America.

WELL, DAHOMEY.

By JULI JONES.

On the stroll things are at their height, business good, no matter what's said of Williams and Walker breaking all records down town. This city is made up of about a hundred different classes of amusement supporters, some never attend any place of amusement that costs more than five cents, others ten cents. Here in Dahomey, just to think of it, these houses have their regular clientiels. The Grand has a real select patronage. It is a question if the majority attend any other house along the stroll except the Pekin. Yet every house is doing well and has got quite bold in offering bad bills. The stock company fever has struck them; from now there will be some bad stock in the different Dahomey Stock Yards.

The bils for the week in the houses are way below the average. The Grand, Pekin and Monagrame are the leaders.

The Pekin has a fair bill, but not as good as usual. Four small turns and one big novelty act. They opened with Palmer and Moore, a black-face act that was the limit. It's hard to tell what they did do. These gentlemen could neither sing, dance nor talk; no room for improvement. To cap the climax they use an unpublished song. Next was a sister act that was very good, but they had their troubles with the orchestra, which has got boisterous again. Then followed a talking act that was to highly flavored with comedy, but the audience went wild over their work. Next Miss Lottie Grady with her slides. The way this bad song is used it seems that the singer is working on the sympathy of the public or sentiment. Miss Grady is not a ballad singer, but can hold her own in any company single or in a crowd. The bill closed with Weber's sealions or seals. This is a big novelty act which saved the bill, otherwise it would have been very weak.

The Grand bill was half and half. One half very good and the other half very bad. The good ones were so good that the bad ones did not hurt. The bill opened with Miss Josephine De Vance, the house singer, with that beautiful ballad the "Red Red Rose." She simply tore up things. The song is popular and the singer has the pipes and the appearance. The two combined is hard to beat. She was followed by Meyers and Meyers, a colored team that was simply lost. The man of the team needs everything. First he should get into cork and comedy clothes and sing to his audience instead of to the orchestra, and put a few steps he does together, and do as little dancing as possible. The lady is clever in spots and works hard and neat. The act is not ready to present to Dahomey. This was followed by one Mr. Carroll, a white blackface comedian that just got by, yet his delivery was good, but the better part of his jokes have been told over and over again in this house. Next wa sa very clever little Miss doing a child monologue and singing "There's Something Wrong Here." This little Miss rightly belongs to Zigvelt's Follies of 1908 or the "Girl at the Helm," yet she was at the Grand. Every aspirant for the position as soubrette should take some note of this young lady's work, as she will soon shine in big comedy. Last on the bill, Kelly Brothers, a dancing and talking act. This is another white team that has invaded Dahomey. They tore up the house. Their talk was all new to Dahomey and went like wild fire. There must be a factory where these teams come from. Anyway when they are good they are the goods. This is a bad house to try sentiment on. Come clean or you will get your can without a moment's hestiation. There's some talk of this house putting on a small stock. If they do it will be awful, as the management won't engage any but the best.

The Monograme offers Lew La Man and Shelton Brooks a sa team. It is not much of a team, but they are like an old base ball battery: knows just what their audience wants and hands it to them. This was just an opening as these young men have ben engaged to produce a stock show for a run of ninety-nine years, or less. No telling how much less.

The Washington offers the Gold Dust Twins. The house manager took hold of matters just before ths show was to go on and closed the doors and tried out the show before the public had its first inning. Its funny how the quartett of managers that took this house as sort of a joke and had the ear marks of angels, have developed into wise old owls and have become factors along the stroll, that the public run the houses and that the actor is the second consideration. That the people that pay are the whole thing. These Golden Fleece flew away one day and bald headed eagles have their place.

PITTSBURG, PA., SHOW SHOP.

By JESSAMINE.

This city now has two small vaudeville houses that cater to colored people and employ colored help, musicians, etc. They are both situated in the colored district and are within two squares of each other. They will both be successful, no doubt, as it is something that has been needed here for a long time. The Lyceum, located in Wylie avenue near Townsend street, was the first to open. It is owned and managed by Mr. Himey Martin & Co. (white) and has been doing fine every since. The only mistake the management has made so far is that they employ a non-union orchestra, and everybody knows that the best musicians in nearly all large cities are union men. However, the Lyceum is expected to come into the fold in the near future. The Fulton, located at Wylie avenue and Fulton street, is controlled by Minsky and Levenson, lessees and managers, and is the coziest and prettiest place of the two. It is now in its third week and bids fair to become the most popular place. Mr. Sam Levenson, one of the managers, is well known in theatrical circles, having been connected with the Alvin Theater in this city for two years. They employ a union orchestra and it is the talk of the "Stroll." Rumor has it that there are prospects of at least two more houses for the "Stroll," which, if true, will be the proper thing, as they would all be patronized as well as appreciated.

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THE LYCEUM—This house offers a very good bill this week, headed by the Lindsay Quartette, vocalists and instrumentalists, who play and sing exceedingly well. This is a local quartette, as they do not travel. It is a shame that they don't, for in them the public is given a chance to see one of the finest acts of its kind in the business. They do not use cork or paint, but dress in neat and stylish uniforms, and, as they use only the very best of instruments, their appearance alone on the stage is enough to make the race proud of them. They are well thought of by both white and colored in this city and bear the name of one of the city's well known business men, now deceased. Next on the bill is the Jones Family Band, an act consisting of four grown folks and a little child, all females. They are all clever musicians and would make good on any bill. The lady cornetist is an exceptionally clever artist and the little girl at the trap drums is admired by everybody. It is a very good act. Others on the bill are the Johnson's a sketch team that did fairly well. Their talk was good, but their songs were ald. A young white lady sang illustrated songs and moving pictures cloesd the bill.

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THE FULTON—This house had a very good bill this week, headed by the Brinkleys, Dave and Daisy, heralded as "America's neat entertainers," and they proved to be just as they were heralded. They present one of the neatest and swellest singing and dancing acts that has ever been seen in this city. Their talk was good and new, and their songs were up to date and their costumes were elaborate. All in all, the act was the best that has been seen on the Stroll as yet. The next act is that of Allen and Williams. These boys do very well. Their stuff is not the latest, but they make the crowds laugh just the same. With more experience and hard work they will probably make good. Then comes "Florence," a little white girl in a singing and dancing specialty. She did fairly well for a child. Then came R. G. Baker, the golden-voiced baritone, in illustrated songs. Mr. Baker is well known to the profession as a singer of rare ability and the possessor of al excellent voice, which he knows how to handle. Mr. Baker is also stage manager and amusement director at this house. R. Anthony Bush is the orchestra leader and receives great praise for his work, both as a musician and musical director. In this house moving pictures are changed daily.

STATE TEACHERS' MEETING

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two schools, and is now located at Lebanon, Ky., doing a most excellent work in that section. He delivered a fine address at the association, and it was said by many that his speech was largely the cause of his quick elevation to the presidency of the State Teachers' Association.

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On the last day of the association, it was the remark of everyone that Prof. Wood should and will receive the support of the entire teaching force of the State, and if he will get another fine programme for the next meeting, the association will move right as ever.

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Prof. Isaac Fisher, president of Polytechnic School, Danville Ky., was one of the leading young educators present. Prof. Fisher is one of the most ambitious young men in the State, and this was a part of his make-up doing his school days at State University, Louisville. On his graduation, Dr. C. L. Purce stated that Prof. Fisher would make a mark. That he is doing so is best evidenced by the large industrial school that he now operates in Danville, Ky., and it has been by his work and energy that this school has made much progress. Prof. Fisher has traveled extensively all over the country in the interest of his school, and before he came to the association he had been on a long trip out East in the interest of the school. "Industrial Educational Education in Rural Schools" was the subject of the address delivered by Prof. Fisher at the State Teachers' Association.

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Prof. Ed. Davis, of Georgetown, Ky., was one of the visitors at the association. He was there as a representative of his school, and on every occasion Prof. Davis was seen ready to do his share to make the meeting a success. He is principal of the Georgetown schools, having recently been elected to fill the vacancy of Prof. Steele, who died last year. When the Masons met in Louisville last year, they looked for some one to fill the place of the late Prof. Steele as master of the State Grand Lodge, but no better man could be found than Prof. Ed. Davis. It was a strong and bitter fight between the young and old. Many of the older men said they would give the young man a chance. They did so, and today the Masons of this State are presided over by a young man. Prof. Davis is a very intelligent man and is well known all over the State.

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Prof. W. H. Perry, principal of the Western Colored School, Louisville Ky., was an attendant at the association. Nine others accompanied him in the delegation. Prof. Perry is president of the Teachers' Institute, of Louisville, and through him the delegation was larger this year than ever.

Prof. Perry is principal of the largest colored school in the State of Kentucky. He has been connected with the school system of Louisville for nearly twenty-five years, and the trustees and superintendent are greatly satisfied with his disciplined and manner of presiding at the Western school. He is a splendid educator, a scholar and student. He has the degrees of A. B. M. D. and L. L. D. Prof. Perry is very modest, but he is counted as one of the many citizens who have saved his earnings while engaged in the profession. He is well liked by both white and black and stands at the head of the educational association in the city of Louisville.

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Another well known educator that was present at the association was Prof. H. F. Jones, of Henderson, Ky. It was largely through Mr. Jones and Prof. Guthrie that the association came near going toward the western part of the State. Prof. Jones is a college man and has been in the educational work in the State for a number of years. He is a graduate of the law department of Howard University, but has confined his work to that of school teaching. He is principal of the high school of Henderson, which is one of the best disciplined and regulated schools in the State. He is also at the head of the Knights of Pythias of Kentucky. He was elected at Lexington last year. Prof. Jones stated that the work in his section of the State was very successful and they hope to do what they are doing in other parts, increasing the curriculum and introducing forms of industrialism.

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Louisville, Lexington, Frankfort, Covington and Winchester have industrial work in the schools. We have had the pleasure of visiting the above schools and look upon their work as well as eaton some of the biscuits and pastries made by girls in the domestic science classes.

CARY B. LEWIS.

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For particulars, write to J. J. Miles, 2935 State St., Chicago, Ill., care Geo. W. Faulkner, General Broker, Fire Insurance, Real Estate and House Renting.

THE STAGE
HAYWOOD

John Pamplin, the demon juggler, appeared at the Family Theatre last week.

Mr. Trevor L. Corwell, musical director with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, was a Freeman caller Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Hillman, of the Smart Set, was the guest of Mrs. Marion Smart Moore, a few days prior to the holidays.

Bland & Jones are the "so different" boys and are playing all the good time around Chicago. They expect to go East shortly. Regards to friends and knockers.

Manager Bowlby, of the Park Theater, informs the Freeman that the Williams and Walker company will positively appear at the Park Feb. 8, 9 and 10.

Jas. E. Rogers has just closed with the Bailey Troubadours, Jacksonville, Fla., and is now advance agent for the Williams & Baynard's Famous Troubadours touring South Florida.

J. B. Norton, stage manager of Allen's Minstrels, is still on the sick list and remains at 406 Pearl street, Greenwood, Miss., but unless he improves soon will leave for 167 Jackson avenue, Beaumont, Tex.

The favorite sons of Texas, who in their chosen profession help to keep the Lone Star State in the limelight—Jack Johnson of Galveston, champion heavyweight boxer of the world, and Sherman H. Dudley, of Dallas, the Smart Set comedian.

E. B. Dudley writes that all musicians with whom he has been corresponding about engagements to open February, 1909, will please address him at the Eggmount Hotel, 512 Bridge street, Jacksonville, Fla., until Feb. 1; then address 136 South Robertson street, New Orleans, La.

Jack Rucker, the Alabama Blossom, is playing the Pantage Circut on the coast and the papers say he is the biggest single hit that ever played out there and the feature act on every bill. He is singing "If the Rain Makes Everything Beautiful, Why Don't It Rain on Me?" and "The Sweetest Gal in Town," one of Stern's latest hits.

John Goodall, champion cakewalker of Indiana, added new laurels to his record by defeating a fast field of high-class walkers last Friday night at Tomlinson Hall, his partner being Miss Sadie Walker. Arrangements are on foot to pull off a big walk between the champions of Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana.

The Smart Set Company is playing to big houses in Cleveland, opening to the capacity. "The Right Church but Wrong Pew," by Dudley is a decided hit. "Love me Like I Like to eB Loved," by Miss Gleson, is up to the standard. "Mandy Lane," by Miss Pearl, is the greatest hit on the bill Many of the members of the company have been on the sick list, viz., Miss Hillman, Misses Harris, Brown and Hudson, but all are able to assume their respective positions again.

Robert C. White and his bunch of Darktown Swells, who stick so close, send 365 days of prosperity, success, health and happiness to all friends in and out of the profession. Wm. Fountroy has been ill from an operation, but is working, still receiving successful encores. W. T. Barkoot made the company some swell persents on Christmas and Bob White presented each member with a $5 goldpiece and a couple of fat turkeys added to the Williams fare. Business is good. Joseph Oppice sends regards to Mr. Kinsell.

W. H. Ray's Creole Belles will close Saturday, Jan. 9, after an eight weeks' run. Mr. Ray will then take a trip South to Savannah, Ga., for two weeks' rest. The show has been doing big business. Following are the members of the company. Billie Ward, Walter Eusher, Billie Richie, Walter Dixon, Griffith B. Wilson, Sallie Lee, Midget Price, Minnie Robinson, Essie Williams, Mamie Ferber, Nagatha Joplin, Etta Gross, Grace Delaney, Maud Robinson, Mildred Creed, Daisy Garrett, Miss Brooks, Griffith B. Wilson, stage manager.

Mr. Fred A. Bawasso, of Memphis, Tenn., has just entered into a new enterprise in that city. Mr. Bawasso is opening a colored vaudeville house which will be one of the finest in the South. He intends booking the best colored talent obtainable and the colored people of Memphis may look for osemthing good, for Mr. Bawasso has had many years' experience in the theatrical profession and is well known in the business. The new play house, which will be known as the "AmuseU " Aheater, is centrally located and will be strictly up to date in every particular. Mr. Bawasso has spent a great deal of money in making it an ideal house for the colored population of Memphis. We fell assured of the success of the house, for under Mr. Bawasso's management it can be no other. Much more could be said regarding the new play house, but we hardly think it necessary, for Mr. Bawasso's theatrical experience is enough. We wish the Amuse U Theater success. Mr. Bawasso will be glad to hear from colored performers at all times.

TICK'S THEATER, MEMPHIS.

We turned the people away last week playing to S. R. O.

The Jennings' in their singing and talking act entitled "Just Fun, That's All," are making a hit.

H. Kidd Love, eccentric dancer, scores heavily at each performance.

Mrs. Jennings is cleaning up singing "I'm Going to Go," taking several encores.

The Goodloe's present a comedy sketch entitled "Who's Me?" Mrs. Goodloe is singing "I Want a Man" and receives much applause. They close with a farce comedy act written and staged by Mr. Goodloe, entitled "Scenes on Beale Street" which is presented in one act and two scenes.

The bunch sends regards to friends in and out of the profesh.

VENDOME THEATES, HAMILTON.

Joe Clark is making the hit of his life and is sending the people away screaming in the afterpiece entitled "Hummer."

Robert Clark is taking three and four encores at every performance.

Miss Ethel Reed is singing her latest success "Dolly Dear" and is making good.

Miss Juanita Parks is a clever soubrette and is singing her latest song hit "Love Me Like I Like to Be Loved."

Shoe Strings is singing his own composition "Ragged But Right."

The Star Orchestra of Cincinnati was with us during the holidays, and our musical director, Chas. Burems, was ably assisted. After the show our business manager, B. W. Maxwell, spread a wine supper and all enjoyed themselves until 2.30 a. m. the following morning.

Chas. Burems would like to hear from Kidd and Gussie Love.

FLORIDA BLOSSOMS SHOW.

Up to the present time the show has been doing S. R. O. nightly. Fine weather and good show lots. We had a fine Christmas dinner that will be long remembered by all. The show is still bigger than ever. It carries thirty-six people and a band of fourteen pieces under a well-known bandmaster. His name we cannot print; just for what reason we can't say. Some say it is because it is a bum show; but we get the money and dont have any lint and holly weeks. Every week is a week made. So this Southland is good enough for us. The Peewees joined us last week and his juggling act is scoring a hit nightly. J. H. Williams, late of A. G. Allen's, is with us doing nicely.

This is our olio, and some olio, too: The Fishers, sketch team; Peewee Williams, tramp juggler; J. H. Williams, monologist; B. B. Joyner, dancing wonder; Flying McKenzie; a "Coon Ragtime Ball."

The company sends a happy New Year to all.

ROYAL THEATER, MEMPHIS.

We turned the people away as usual last week with our vaudeville and our one-act farce comedy entitled "The Haunted House," by R. R. Mathews, Jr.

Miss Blanche Arlington is singing "What Will Your Answer Be?" taking two and three encores nightly.

Sam Russell, the dancing kid, is cleaning up with his eccentric dancing.

Miss Ida Gardner is singing "I Aint Got No Use for Sleep."

Jas. Edw. Simpson is giving a monologue and late parodies.

Mathews & Harris are presenting an up-to-date society sketch entitled "Goodbye, Sweetheart, Goodbye."

Simpson, Mathews, Arlington and Harris, in a singing and grotesque dancing act, sing "My Dusky Maiden" and "Won't You Come and Take a Stroll With Me?"

The show closes with the moving pictures, sending the people out satisfied and well pleased.

Our manager, John Slattery, came home to spend the holidays, and he is certainly looking fine after his visit in El Paso and New Mexico. The bunch was glad to see him.

Miss Ida Gardner sends best regards to Miss Susie Beavers.

AMERICAN JUBILEE SINGERS IN ENGLAND.

St. Asaph, N. Wales,
December 16, 1908.

Mr. Knox,
Editor of The Freeman.

Dear Sir—I have not written to you for quite a long while, and I now take pleasure in saying all are well, and I wish you a merry Christmas. All the company send best regards to you and all friends, through The Freeman. We are booked in Elland, England, Jan. 12-13; Halifax, Eng., Jan. 21, 23, 24; the United Methodist Church, Nelson, Eng., Jan. 5-8; Birmingham, Eng., Jan. 9, 10, 11.

We have been pronounced the best company, colored or white, of singing artists that has toured Wales as strangers. The Welsh people are very conceited. They do not think any one can beat them, and indeed they are, taken as a whole, without equal in their choirs; but they cannot understand our harmony and they openly acknowledge that the American Jubilee Singers can teach the Welsh singers how to word song. This statement was made by a noted conductor of Welsh choirs at one of our popular concerts and the other remarks you will see on the circulars I send you by this post.

Wales affords the most beautiful scenery in the world, and some of the noted feudists among the nobility, such as the kings and queens of England. We have visited some of the oldest churches in England, some dating back as far as 2000 years. I herein send you the Guide to the Flas Manor, the mansion of Queen Elizabeth, situated at Conway, North Wales. We were booked to sing here in her walled-in town. I also send a postcard of the ancient cathedral at St. Asaph. This is the smallest city in England. We are booked at Colwyn Bay, North Wales, next summer in the interest of the African Institute. Friday, Nov. 27, we were dined at Colwyn Bay by Alfred Mangena, a Zulu lawyer, who is the first barrister of any of the African tribes, having been educated at Oxford and London. He will soon visit America.

Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience. A word in regard to addressing my mail. When you write or send me a paper, address it to me to Gen. P. O., Liverpool, England, as I am now touring England.

Very truly,
DANIEL W. BROWN,
Manager American Jubilee Singers.
Gen. P. O., Liverpool, Eng.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REVIEW.

By Sylvester Russell.
(America's Greatest Colored Stage Critic)

Reluctantly, the writer, the critic of traditional authority, by command of Freeman patronage, has been re-called and the solution of important stage problems will once more have a chance to be solved by proper discussion. One glance at the moving kaleidoscope has revealed to us that injudicious activity now marks the period of the present age in dusky stageland. If this be true, then marvel not ye Gods of the limelight shadows of Thespian gorgony. These are the days of marvelous changes, deeded by rewards of mediocrity, in which every actor's patience is heated by the firey glow of two grades of criticism, and the perplexity of two kinds of audiences, two kinds of theatres and two grades of managers, plays and players. Everything is classed. The effect to actors is somewhat confusing and their hunger is not appeased by theorist critics which new developed newspapers with stage pages have broughthave brought into play.

The establishment of an exclusive actors' club by certain well-to-do actors and the installation of a young dramatic editor in their ranks who is not in their class financially, but there to do their bidding, is but an effort to control the press. The club which is known as the "Frogs" is now incorporated, and as it was founded by Bert A. Williams, should assure "class" actors and the general public, who will pay to support their idleness, a great deal of pleasure. The failure to establish an actors' fund compelled the new select actors' pleasure society to give a benefit for a well known star and also bury a prominent actor as an initiative to their enterprise of pleasure and a gouge into the receipts of their first blow-out, a rebuke which follows after warning as a moral precept. Yet, with all, these actors must be given praise for the loyalty which they exercised in answering to the call of charity, because of none.

The most important topic of the season has been the effort of Williams and Walker through the managment of the Shubert brothers to look in the so-called first-class theatres. This effort even if justifiable is ill-advisable, and, therefore, cannot be approved of at the present state of the race problem. The possibility of forcing the race issue in theatres of the North, where conditions are, and have constantly been growing more favorable, is impropriety both on the part of Mr. Walker and the Shubert brothers. The race question regarding the seating patronage theatres is a most exacting and particular one, and one that can only be regulated by the local managers according to sectional conditions. If Mr. Walker, who is at the head of this movement, insists on fostering the issue in advance of general sentiment and universal approval, he will not only establish a feeling between theatre patrons of the two races, which would cause many of the best element of each race to stay away from the show rather than be subject to a feeling of consort by humiliation, but would ultimately weaken the patronage of the big colored shows. As far as the name of "first-class theatre" is concerned, the difference is so small as to be unworthy of a fostered contest by Mr. Walker just for the benefit of the vanity of Williams and Walker to establish a personal precedent. Is it not enough to have the distinction of having appeared before the king of England and the enjoyment of a rich financial reward for their ability as public actors?

When we consider that Williams and Walker do not play in the South at all for these very race reasons, have they not done well enough for the present generation, and would it not be a little too salubrious for them to place the modesty of Cole & Johnson and other advancing companies in jeopardy? Surely America must be very sectional when the elite of the South turns out to see Sissieretta Jones (Black Patti) and refuses to entertain Williams & Walker or the Smart Set. All these things must be considered, therefore, Williams & Walker and their distinguished managers (thank them!) must back down and wait a little longer for the door of approval to open. The concluding solution regarding the seating of Northern theatre patrons in first-class theatres (no matter whether they call them first-class or second-class) is what the people want to know about and of which I feel quite able to inform them.

Orchestra seats in theatres should be sold to anybody regardless of race or race or color; it has been successfully practiced in New York, and other cities should do the same. In theatres where this policy causes a feeling among patrons it is often best to sell seats to colored people in one row across. The rows should extend entirely across the house, and those who apply first should get the centre seats. Colored people should not be subordinated entirely to side orchestra seats nor back seats. Seats should be set apart according to the patronage, say the second row across, then the fifth, ninth or thirteenth, etc. Managers should pay no attention to cheap quality white people who request them to prohibit colored people from the orchestra seating capacity of the house. The policy of any theatre should be established, made known at the box office, and maintained by the manager, and ticket sellers and other employees should not be allowed to have any say whatever. With private box regulation, it is not advisable to sell white men a seat in a box occupied by colored ladies, neither should a seat be sold to a colored man to a box occupied by white ladies. On the other hand it should make no difference with a box of all women or all men; this arrangement would prevent anything to detract from the play. This arrangement could be applied to either a white or colored theatre if necessary. Colored people should be given any seat they desire in the first balcony of any house that is not sold. Here it may be stated to the colored people that the majority of the race is poor and it is not good form for poor people to go beyond their means to sit in a high priced orchestra seat beside their employers, just for a show or because they can. The greatest wisdom of all would be for all colored people to receive seats in the first balcony; it is best that they should form a tendency to sit together themselves, and all buy seats in the same section of the theatre. This would be much better than to be sometimes humiliated, refused, or forced to sit in undesirable quarters. But in the midst of the friction white people must remember that theatres are common public places of amusement, and that it is no more out of place to see a colored American citizen sit anywhere he has money to pay for and a guarantee of all his rights and privileges as a human being born of God who has but a short time on earth and as much right to live as white human mortals who imagine they own everything, even the graves that men will dig to bury them in. Then why should we all be so very particular about color, when death will end it here, and life everlasting hereafter will bring us all together to meet again.

And now the question arises as to which production of the colored race would be the most eligable by right of legitimate classification to enter the so-called first-class theatres. Williams' & Walker's new comedy "Bandanna Land," which I admit I have not seen, but from what I understand belongs to the ragtime school, not classed with Abyssinia.

Cole & Johnson's new production "The Red Moon" is a musical comedy (not a comic opera at all) would be best suited for the high class theatres (as they call them) if it were not for certain defects reviewing it as I saw it last summer. Admitting that features of the "Red Moon" have been changed for the better since last summer, it is an enormous production and one of importance for praise and criticism.

The Red Moon, which is too much of a second act production, is unexcelled in scenic splendor. Bob Cole, who still adheres to conventional lines of comedy work, places himself legitimately in the front rank of comedians, and his comedy work this season is funnier than ever. Although Mr. Cole can claim the rank of being the foremost actor of his race in consideration of his efficiency in all branches of stage work, it may be that Mr. Cole does not know quite as much about legitimate stage requirements as he has been given credit for.

The quality of the production and the excellent vocal score by Rosamond Johnson is quite above the book of dialogue. Mr. Cole has fallen short of high grade language to express a plot that is not very clear at its best to untangle. The new chicken song by Cole, and the lost "Brown Bear," sung by Fanny Wise, was reminiscent of the past, and even if clever can only be classed as two gems of non-original worth. Of Rosamond Johnson there is much to be said. For three years he has been a comedy star and has not yet learned the requirements of his position. It is required of all comedy stars to sing and dance. This was hinted to Mr. Johnson last season. Instead of acquiring a few steps from his highly gifted partner, a mere song and dance step or a few steps with a chorus to back him up, Mr. Johnson, who is a cultivated singer with a good baritone voice and an ardant stage lover, is carried away with himself and sings one love song too many. What he can do and does do, however, is well done, and to add to this, his pianologue has been retained and probably will be until the appearance of frosty weather. The thing for Mr. Johnson to understand after three years of apprenticeship is that none of the specialties performed by him and his partner on the variety stage will do in comedy. The piano solo which he does in bar room style this season, with his hat on, and with a big special three legged piano which crowds the chorus from the stage, is perfectly illegitimate. This feature was excused last season; this season it is abused and next season all the critics will be on the job and the gallery ready to meet it, in comedy of course, with a jolly.

Space will not permit of a review of the cast, excepting in the cases of Abbey Mitchell and Anna Cook Pankey. Miss Mitchell, who makes her appearance this season as leading lady is a bright particular figure and acquisition to our musical comedy soubrettes. She is as is now well known, an excellent singer. I have already commented on her voice several times. It may be said that her mannerisms are a little overdrawn; just a little more naturalness and tone method of easy grace will tend to darn her magnetism to a torrid heat scarcely exceeded by Carita Day or Aida Overton Walker. Anna Cook was again heard to a vocal advantage this season, not yet approached by any singer in comedy and the report of her recent illness in the West has excited grave anxiety regarding the future of her health. Mr. Charles Hunter, a young writer of promise, is now Cole & Johnson's stage manager. The report that Mr. Ernest Hogan is to return to the stage has aroused much enthusiasm. It is known that during the approach of winter, Mr. Hogan gave up his cottage "Bungaloo Louise" at Glen Gardner-by-the-sea, where he was nursed by his faithful mother, Mrs. Louise Crowder, to lease a flat in New York. Now it is rumored that his health will admit of a little stage exercises and that he will probably enter in vaudeville with Miss Day, his former leading lady, just for practice in view of starring later according to resultant circumstaances. That Mr. Hogan has risen to the highest position of any actor of the colored race as a single comedy star and that he is the most popular unaffected individual actor personally of his time, will now remain as a living tribute to his character whatever the outcome of the future of his health may be.

The Smart Set Company this season is headed by S. H. Dudley, who is still heavily featured. Mr. Dudley is sensible in remaining with this company untill such a time that he can be able to secure suitable plays and a manager who is willing to place him in the same station with Mr. Hogan. Mr. Dudley is to have a new play next season from the pen of J. Ed. Green, they say. This announcement necessitates an explanation of the delicate relations existing at present between Mr. Green and the critic. Not that Mr. Green is worthy of any comment at this time. He is a man who is engaged in a very important branch of race stage history, and in order to show that he will be treated square in whatever my opinion of his public work may be, I make this explanation. Last season Mr. Green gave out a letter stating that I had it in for him and made a public threat as to what he would do. I am sure Mr. Green did not consider the temerity of his action in giving out a threat, but knowing him personally I have not taken him seriously. Mr. Green's statement that he had me discharged from Oliver Scott's minstrels several years ago and that I have always had it in for him is entirely untrue. It was through my friend Clarence Powell that I was engaged to sing only untill Mr. Green showed up to take the double position of singer and middleman. Green knew nothing about my agreement as the management thought he was going to disappoint them and in such a case I was to retain the position. I have never had it in for Mr. Green and we have always met since that time as the best of friends. Mr. Green's letter was to me a surprise although I have nothing against him, but his newspaper writings I have always regarded as the weakest example of self-evidence that any public actor can fortify. Mr. Green has not thus far produced but one original play, "Rufus Rastus" in collaboration with Ernest Hogan. When "Captain Rufus" was given in New York by the Pekin Stock Company I criticised it on its merits as a non-original and that is where the toe pinched. Bob Cole after he had seen the play, not only admitted to me but expressed himself as to the similarity of scenes in his play "Shoo Fly Regiment, to say nothing of scenes and music taken out of the Hogan-Green play "Rufus Rastus." So it will be well for Mr. Green to be modest and reticent so far as the critics are concerned that he may be given due credit in the future for value of his work. The Black Patti Troubadours have given us a new sensation. Tim O. Wiley, principal comedian of the company, who can now be looked upon as a comedy playwright, has announced that a comedy would be prepared next season in which the noted prima donna will play a part. Sissieretta Jones has now had years of experience in which she has developed most excellently as an actress, and if she can essay a speaking part, there will be nothing left to be deserved, and her enterence into the big comedy contest would be quite or even more important, in a complete comedy production, than the advent of any colored company on the road. But—as a comedy str—now let her begin to practice a few steps in dancing. This awful task we blissfully ascribe to Sissierette Jones and Rosamond Johnson.

The vaudeville stage is reported to be doing nicely and the problems have all been solved. Stage managers should not place reputable actors who have been known to "make good" to open show because of their color, and other performers of lesser reputation should not kick at all so long as they get booked and get the money. The Dandy Dixie minstrels have won much favor this season.

Billy Kersands did not take out his show this season, so the grand old man has joined the Dixies. Manzie Campbell, the youngest great comedian in the business, is still creating a sensation with his expert drumming specialty. The Georgia minstrels have kept out to the coast. Marsh Craig has returned to Chicago for a rest. John W. Cooper, the ventriloquest who left the show some time ago to enter in high class vaudeville, has made good in the East. William H. Windom, of Minstrel and Blackstone quartett fame, is now doing a black face monologue in vaudeville in which an old time comedian was aboriginal. His specialty shows a nurse girl wheeling a baby carriage. Billy says "nurse girls will steal," now if he will just cut that one line out how happy we all will be.

Madam Hackley made her annual appearance at the Philadelphia Academy of Music last October. One year prior to that month Mrs. Hackley made the announcement in a speech that she did not expect to appear on the Academy stage again, but instead, she returned with a new outside support of singers and was again received by the old fashioned folk, with outstretched pocketbooks, who have never weavered in their loyalty to patronize and support the female songbirds of their race so fair. If there had been but just one humble little performer of Philadelphia in the cast, how creditable to her it would have been. This verdict from the judge will of course bring forth a new dose of personal slander from the inkslingers of a mysterious stage page of a Philadelphia newspaper, which comprises a city editor, an editor's daughter or somebody else or nobody, but the Freeman critic's mission will still go on and his work shall prosper. In the meantime, what does Madam Hackley care for them? What will they think when I inform them that Washington, D. C., society failed to respond to her call last season.

The playwright question is before us again. There is a great demand for negro comedy plays, and the work of "actor-botchworkers" will hardly longer do. This term of course does not apply to such actor-authors as Cole and Shipp, neither does it effect Miller and Lyles, the Fiske university students, and whatever has become of them I am duty bound to say that the merits of their ability should be reckoned with. The time is now ripe when somebody must be called upon to make playwriting an exclusive business; it should be a specialists work, and all the branches appertaining to this most particular part of stage construction-work and hardest branch in assorted literature, should be first studied thoroughly both from behind and in front of the footlights apropos to understanding. The life of a playwright should be one free from care and trouble, with nothing in life to be taken seriously.

The Gotham-Attuck's music company is now safely launched with other publishing houses, and much important race development will hereafter be looked forward to from the business management of this house. It will soon be the duty of this company to offer colored composers and lyric writers all the advantages possible and give them the same terms of royalty—a square deal—for manuscripts and compositions as the big white publishing houses do, and in this companies further development, to be able to cater to Cole & Johnson and other big producers to the same financial end, and to H. Lawrence Freeman, as a great composer, if needs be, to give him an equal consideration the same as to Will Marion Cook who is already in the concern. When this end is accomplished there should be a branch office established at Chicago. Everything should be done to break down the wall of race selfishness built about this music house as a limited stock transaction.

It has been given out this season that colored composers are not turning out good songs; this I deny; the enormous surplus of white composers are squeezing them out, and song publishers are giving white composers the preference, so it will remain for the Attucks Company to soon come to all the colored composers' total rescue. Last of this series comes the theatre problem. The colored theatre project has now been aired to death. The sudden ambition of Robert T. Motts in building a second theatre in an unpopular section of Chicago, and the several theatres which failed in smaller cities and the announcement of manager Gus Hill, of New York, that he would build or lease a chain of colored theatres and organize stock companies came at an intermission when the critic was not in activity to assert that all the projects would fail. How can we put the carts before the horses? How can we maintain colored theatres without plenty of plays, playwrights, lyric writers, composers, producers and numerous actors of uncertain ability? When the Pekin stock company split up last season, manager Motts had to put on vaudeville to keep the house open, and the efficiency of his next stock company now hinges on what I have already explained. Another thing about the term "colored theatres" is that it does not mean that the house is for colored people exclusively; it means that the house is owned and managed by colored people for the sake of presenting colored actors, plays and songs by colored authors, to the public.

The seating of white people in colored theatres must needs be regulated in accordance with the conditions and section of the country where the theatre is located, as has been explained elsewhere in this review. The death rate of the past season has been very high. The comedy stage was robbed of two important performers, Tom Logan and Emma B. Baynard. Miss Baynard was a sweet girl who came of a good Philadelphia family. In former years, besides supporting concert stars, she used to entertain the elite of Asbury Park and Ocean Grove. She later joined the Puggsley Brothers' Tennessee Warblers and married one of the brothers, but the nion was unhappy, and they were soon divorced. Following that event she joined a small town comedy company of which her second husband, Salam Tutt Whitney, was the star. Her greatest success was when with the Smart Set company. Two seasons ago she appeared in a Japanese specialty and her sweet, clear soprano voice had never before been heard to such an advantage, and as understudy for both the leading lady and prima donna demonstrated her prime ability as a star soubrette. Her last prominent appearance was with Black Patti Trubadours. Tom Logan who died last fall, after a second operation, had long been heralded from the South, but it was not untill Ernest Hogan brought him East with the Rufus Rastus company that he had a chance to see his dream of fame come true. He was a good character actor and was last seen in the Smart Set company. The minstrel stage was robbed of Bunk Campbell of the Campbell brothers, a promising young comedian, and later of Skinner Harris, the funniest comedian of the minstrel stage, whose promise in comedy would have been unsurpassed had he lived to be blessed with that august reward—"opportunity." Regretfully, the two most noted deaths in the profession were Carrie Melvin Lucas, second wife of the veteran comedian, Sam Lucas, from whom he was separated, and Benjamin Hunn, the youngest of the famous Hunn brothers of Southern minstrel fame of more than a decade ago. Both Mrs. Lucas and Mr. Hunn were reported to have been shot, the former by a man outside of the profession and the latter by a performer in a circus. Once more have our eyes been opened by the dreadful deeds of prominent murders in the profession, and one would think that such dull behavious would cease to continue after the summery of the past, and in the glare of the most enlightened age in colored theatricals.

Concluding, I briefly review the careers of the two unfortunate but brilliant performers mentioned.

Carrie Melvin Lucas was the youngest of two very talented daughters of the prominent Melvin family of New Port, R. I., who later moved to Providence, where Carrie was married and divorced. Her older sister, Mrs. Louise Mars, was a pianist and amateur playwright of much ability. But Carrie was the joy of her mother and the one child upon whom she doted. She had been educated with great care. As Miss Carrie Melvin her early appearances were made in concerts, supporting Madam Marie Selika, always escorted by her careful mother. As an instrumentalist, her cornet and violin solos were the best heard by any female player of her race of that period. It was during her tours with the Bergen Star concerts that Sam Lucas woed and married her. After a tour of several seasons with Sam T. Jack's creoles, where Mrs. Lucas had newly distinguished herself as a contralto singer and banjo, guitar and mandolin player, she and her husband retired from the company to enter in vaudeville; they purchased property in Boston for the sake of their step brother and sister's children, each by former marriages, and went on a lengthy tour of Europe. They disagreed on the other side and on their return they separated. Mr. Lucas giving her and the children the benefit of the home.

Ben Hunn and his brother Charley were long known as the greatest minstrel comedians of the South prior to their appearance in New York with Hicks' & Sawyers' Georgia Minstrels, over twenty years ago, after which time they separated. Charles Hunn joined hands with Mary Bohee, but the team dissolved a short time before his death.

Ben Hunn stuck to minstretsy and vaudeville. When Pat Chappell came to New York to launch for the first time his new comedy "A Rabbitts Foot," Mr. Hunn was engaged to stage the show, but his efforts failed when he found that Mr. Chappell was too green in the comedy business at that time to substantnate the all-important requirements of the production, so the company took the road as a vaudeville show with Ben Hun and Florence Hines as the star attractions. Later Mr. Hunn joined the original Smart Set company supporting Ernest Hogan and Billy Mc Clain, featured stars of the organization, in "Southern Enchantment." This was Mr. Hunn's first appearance in comedy and as he did not understand the legitimate standard of acting in a musical comedy his, otherwise good but, illegitimate performance of talking over the footlights in minstrel style and the singing of "Turkey in the Straw" followed by an invited chorus of whistlers from the gallery brought him much Freeman criticism. On his retirement from the company he entered in vaudeville with his newly wedded wife and played to the coast, after which they joined a circus.

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"Back to the farm!" is a slogan some of our husky young fellows had better heed, if the rest of us are to have anything to eat in the not distant future.

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When you don't see Editor W. Calvin Chase's name in the list of guests at a big function, don't imagine that he has been overlooked. No; he is just too busy looking after the welfare of the Washington public schools to waste time in mere eating.

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Since Castro has been having the time of his life in Europe, it might balance things up a bit to invite Nord Alexis to make a "swing around the circle" in this country. It would be a treat for us to feast our eyes upon a real, live Negro President—even if he is a "has-been."

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According to the best information obtainable, there is now or is likely to be, two openings for Negro bandmasters in the United States Army. The chief musician of the 24th Infantry has been transferred to a white regiment, and the bandmaster of the 9th Cavalry has been retired.

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The leadership of Senator Albert J. Beveridge promises well for the colored voters of the State of Indiana. He is clean, capable and statesmanlike, and in the Senate he easily sustains the prestige that the potent Morton, Voorhees, McDonald, Turpie, Harrison, Hemenway and Fairbanks won for the Hoosier battleground.

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The spellbinders who "saved" the country are making no effort to conceal their estimate of the value of their strenuous activities, and are preparing to ask for "recognition" all the way from the Haytian mission to the mopping of the departmental floors. Quite a number will doubtless be appointed, but a greater number will be dis-appointed.

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The *Sodalian*, the mouthpiece of Wilberforce University, is one of the best-edited and most attractively printed college journals in the country. Under the capable direction of C. W. A. David, editor, W. P. Bayless, associate editor, and H. B. Allen and F. T. Layton, business managers, its columns teem with news and opinions that scintillate like diamonds.

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The appointment of Editor J. C. Gilmer as librarian for the State of West Virginia meets the approval of the press and people of the country. The office is a State affair, but as Mr. Gilmer is essentially a national character, the attention of the entire nation is naturally focussed upon him. Governor Glasscock will please everybody by retaining Mr. Gilmer in this post throughout his term.

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The congress for the study of the tuberculosis evil, which met a few days ago at Tuskegee Institute, did the South more good than any other body of workers that has gathered together in a long time. Its effect will doubtless be far-reaching and the lectures and illustrations will stir every eleemnt of our people to a stronger fight against the disease that is decimating the race with astounding rapidity.

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Editor Nick Chiles of the Topeka (Kansas) *Plaindealer* is a "live wire." He is doing more to show up the resources and activities of the race in the trans-Kaw region than any other agency in sight. No one who reads the *Plaindealer* will lose faith in the possibilities and realizations of the Negro people. As a promoter and appreciator, Nick Chiles is "on the job" three hundred and sixty-five days in the year.

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Baltimore, in keeping with her reputation for promptness and thoroughness, is already beginning to prepare for the entertainment of the 1,500 delegates expected to attend the fifteenth session of the B. M. C., which comes in September, 1910. The "old reliable" Harry S. Cummings is chairman of the committee on arrangements. Grand Master Houston's gallant cohorts may now safely look forward to "the time of their lives."

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Judge Taft's strong and unequivocal denunciation of "lily-whitism" in Southern Republican politics has put an effective quietus on the fellows who have been trying to set up a "white man's party" in the Black Belt, and has put out of business the demagogues who have been trading on the Negro's fears that such a party would be formed, with the sanction and sympathy of the President-elect. The skies are brightening day by day.

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Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox—than whom the progressive Negro has no better friend on earth—recently gave publicity to an article on the race's advancement, inspired by data collated from the New York *National Review*, and, in connection therewith, paid a deserved tribute to its brilliant young editor, Roscoe Conkling Simmons, who is also an orator of power, a literateur of exceptional attainments, a raconteur of rare wit and humor, and an all-around man of affairs.

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J. G. Groves, the "potato king," is putting up a fine residence at Edwardsville, Kan. It was designed by a Negro architect and is being erected by a Negro contractor. Mr. Edwards is one of the leading factors in the National Negro Business League and made a fine impression at the Topeka meeting in 1907. The "potato king" is demonstrating that it is more profitable to raise potatoes than the sulphuric article some of his presumably more learned contemporaries are stirring up.

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The Cottage Home Infirmary, established some years ago by Dr. Willis E. Sterrs, at Decatur, Ala., is highly praised by all who have been treated there. The institution is well-equipped with surgical instruments and modern appliances, and the medical and surgical staff that Dr. Sterrs has gathered around him includes some of the most skillful practitioners in the country. Dr. Sterrs works on the principle that "a well-pleased customer is the best advertisement," and is succeeding thereby.

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The New York Age's Christmas number was a "corker," and set a high-water mark in Afro-American journalism. In the dramatic supplement—the most complete picture of the advanced thought of our race's theatrical life ever presented to the country—the "fine Italian hand" of Mr. Lester A. Walton is happily discernible. The issue is a triumph for Editor Fred R. Moore, Mr. Walton and the magnificent corps of intellectual and mechanical helpers who assisted him in its production.

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The *Western Enterprise*, published at Colorado Springs, Colo., by E. P. Booze, the acknowledged political leader of that promising commonwealth, is kind enough to make the following editorial notice of an humble contribution from "yours truly": "We know of no better way of using our editorial space this week than by using an article of general interest to our readers from the pen of that versatile writer, Mr. R. W. Thompson of Washington, D. C., than whom the race has no more able exponent." Thanks! It's the bouquet handed us today that counts—not the post-mortem eulogy.

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It comes to our ears that "Dorothy," who conducts such a charming page for women in The Freeman, having mastered the mysteries of stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping, sewing, cooking, and every detail of up-to-date journalism, from framing up the leading editorial to mailing the paper, is now to take up the study of German. If "Dorothy" feels the need of another language to fully express her inexhaustible flow of brilliant ideas, the vernacular of Emperor William strikes us as being a happy selection. "Hoch der Kaiser!" and the famous "war lord" will doubtless send over a few "German-made-easy" text-books.

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Miss Dayse Deane Walker, the charming young philanthropist, lecturer, dramatic reader and social reformer, who is doing a noble work in pushing forward the Home for Young Women at Indianapolis, Ind., has been making a pronounced hit in New York, after having covered successfully Washington, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News and Richmond. She is meeting the real people of both races, talking to the solid masses at the churches and taking in all denominations, and the message she delivers is calling forth the dollars that are needed for her helpful institution. Salvation for our young women is salvation for the entire race.

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The transfer of Presiding Elder W. H. Chambers to New Berne, N. C., Rev. R. S. Rives to Knoxville, Tenn., and Rev. A. Wakefield to Pittsburg, would seem to reduce the solidarity of the "western bishopric combine," said to center in and about Louisville at one time—but the effect of these changes can only be determined by the future. Rev. Jesse B. Colbert of Chicago is now left in control of the Western reserve, but as the stronghold of Zion Methodism is in the Eastern South, there is nothing to keep Dr. Chambers from coming to the General Conference of 1912 with North Carolina's irresistible momentum at his back. Some interesting developments can come to pass in three and a half years.

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Sergeant Leslie King, formerly of Selma, Ala., a protege of Elbert Williams, has been named as assistant to Mr. Williams, who was recently promoted to be chief musician of the regimental band of the 25th Infantry, now stationed at Parang, Department of Mindanao, Philippine Islands. Messrs. Williams and King are cornet soloists of long experience, and the band is sure to enjoy an unprecedented popularity under their joint efforts. Mr. Williams' appointment is the first fruit of Emmett J. Scott's persistent and productive agitation for Negro bandmasters for Negro regiments in the United States Army.

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Dr. C. V. Roman, the eminent eye, ear and throat specialist of Nashville, Tenn., and who will be remembered for having made the finest response to the mayor's address of welcome at the New York meeting of the National Medical Association, has issued a beautifully engraved calendar for 1909, showing the interior of his well-appointed offices and giving a view of his complete outfit of expensive instruments. Dr. Roman is a member of the faculty of Meharry Medical School at Nashville, has been president of the National Medical Association—giving the organization its truly national standing—and has traveled extensively abroad and throughout this country.

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Now that one Signor Pietro Casini, a picture dealer at Florence, Italy, has been discovered to look so much like President Roosevelt that people often mistake him for the American chief executive, Photographer A. L. Macbeth, of Norfolk, Va., can no longer claim a monopoly in that direction. Casini, quick to capitalize this fortunate gift of nature, has rechristened his store "The Galleria Roosevelt," and is playing to a "capacity" business daily. As both Casini and Macbeth are carrying on a similar line of work and an ocean rolls between them—preventing a dangerous rivalry—Mr. Macbeth might advantageously christen his place after the President without being charged with plagiarism or violation of international copyright.

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We acknowledge with thanks an invitation from the Lotus Club of Indianapolis, Ind., to be present at the annual reception of that popular organization on Monday evening, December 28, at Masonic Hall. Our card is due to the kindness of W. Henry Fielding, a society leader of the Hoosier capital. A fine Christmas turkey from Recorder John C. Dancy, beautifully illuminated postcards descriptive of the picturesque scenery in foreign lands from Hon. James G. Carter, United States consul at Tamatave, Madagascar, and Clarence Cameron White, the noted violinist, who is in London, Eng., besides numerous other mementoes of friendship from various sources, helped to make the Yuletide welkin ring.

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The new Zion bishops are scattering themselves out in a fashion that brings the greatest amount of good to their connection. Episcopal residences are being so arranged that every great center will feel the benefits that grow out of intimate contact with the strong spiritual forces of the church. With Bishop Smith at Washington, Bihsop Franklin at Atlanta, Bishop Blackwell at Indianapolis, and Bishop Caldwell at Chicago, an entirely new stretch of territory is admirably served. Now, if Bishop Warner would only establish a Zion sphere of influence at Louisville the chain would seem more symmetrical than to further congest the North Carolina situation. When another batch of bishops is elected, St. Louis, Little Rock and a Texas or Florida point will have a chance. Scatter God's blessings, say we!

A TRAVELER'S OBSERVATIONS WHEN IN AFRICA.

A traveler in Africa who has seen much of the portions where the Negroes are taking on civilization writes as follows:

"The white people here are becoming excited over the Negro question. During the past six months I have visited every colony south of the Zambesi, and the better class of Europeans everywhere have fears of a race war in the future. In the United States we have one Negro to every nine or ten whites. Here the proportion is almost reversed. There are more than five black men to every white man, and the black men are beginning to appreciate their possibilities. Within the past year or so they have been stirred up by some missionaries of their own race who are said to come from the United States. The sect is known as the Ethiopian Epicoplaiains, and they are at work in Natal, Cape Colony and the Transvaal. Their pastors preach the equality of the races, and urge them to stand up for their rights."

The equality of rights preachment as a gospel does not sound so well in our country, but at that it is a thing contended for, and it is the thing permitted by the general laws of the country. The contention is not nearly so fiercely agitated today as it has been, and, owing to the hostility aroused. Then, too, the conditions of slavery, war, were the unusual, arraying race against race at the very beginning. Time has been considered the most efficacious element for bringing about as nearly as possible the hoped for. It is yet being trusted to do the work that the more active agents fail to do.

It is quite different in Africa, where there has been noslavery, war with their unpleasant entailment. It can not bee seen why and how such a people are to understand the thing of inferiority. The writer seems to see the Africans in the Negroes of the United States, when, in fact, they push their claims for manhood much harder. In fact, the educated African feels to be better than the white man. Many of them take the Bible for it, the Book the missionaries carry to them and trace their race from the oldest sources, which they hold entitles them to the greater consideration. As a rule, they know nothing much of the white man's standards that fixes him the first of the human family. They view themselves as other races when intelligent and will know no difference.

The Freeman has freely predicted that Africa will in time be the United States over again; the problems here are now there, and are growing greater and more unsolvable. The condition is easily stated and to this effect, that, white men wherever they are, are not willing to treat with Negroes on equal terms, no matter where and who they are. The exceptions to the rule are not noteworthy. Further more, there is but little use in railing at the situation or at the dominant class. We say dominant advisedly, since it is nothing more or less—a condition we admit with all grace, but in spite of us acknowledge it in some one way or the other. The superficially wise would oppose the admission on the grounds of humiliation; the philosophic wise will want to know the truth at any cost—that the correct remedy be sought, if nothing else.

It is human nature to lift up, to look up—all nature lifts up as vieing with one another. The Negroes of Africa, of elsewhere, are not different. They are not content to be a subject people in the sense of race. The Africans will not gain any too much in escaping the jungles to become emeshed as sort of bondmen in the net of the white man's civilization. It is evident that the prospect condition is beginning to dawn on them, and they are getting busy in order to escape it. Can they do it? We do not think it a hard question.

The borders of wild Africa should not be turned loose on civilization. We in this country do not expect it of the red men—the Indians. They are recognized after having gone through civilization's processes. Do the white men of Arica have any such scheme in mind? Or do they mean to set up and perpetuate a color bar. This has not in mind the mere idea of color, but the inconveniences arising owing to color. We hold that men should stand by their color, upholding it with a jealous regard, recognizing no impediment to other men, although incumbered to the ground with that impediment.

Ae we view it they will find it difficult to reconcile the teaching of the missionaries and the practice. It is nno wonder that men among them are raising up preaching the equality of the races when they are threatened within their own doors. The writer says:

"In many localities they are beginning to resent their treatment by the whites. In Johannesburg, for example, they object to the laws which keep them off the sidewalks and allow them to go only in the middle of the road when walking along the streets. They do not like the Jim Crow trailers to the electric cars, and they are asking for more schools."

Here is more evidence of the similarity of problems. In America prospects are brighter for the best conditions possible under the circumstances. It will be but a question of a few years when the mass lump will be leavened; the utterly "obnoxious" will have disappeared while Africa is just entering its program. In spite of the demands, it is more than likely that, that branch of the Anglo-Saxons, Teutons and others will make haste slowly. "Jim Crow" cars will disappear when there is no further need of them and schoolhouses will be built as those who build them sees fit to do so.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Sunday last the Odessa Chapter of the Eastern Star had their annual sermon preached at the A. M. E. church by the Rev. A. Smith, to a splendid and appreciative audience... One of the most noticable avents during the Xmas week was the dinner party given by the Clays, at their residence on Pagin street. During the afternoon and preceding the dinner Mr. Clay entertained his gentlemen friends with a stag, then followed the dinner, after which during the evening a progressive whist party followed as a most fitting final....Another Xmas party which deserve considerable notice was a very beautiful dancing party given by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Bland, who are among South Bend's foremost and most appreciated citizens. The affair was quite select. Also the decorations deserve mention, for they not only were of the usual Xmas splendor, but were enhanced by the profusion of floral decorations. In all about thirty were present....South Bend greatly regrets the fact that Mr. B. B. Banks, one of our most prominent and highly respected men, has decided to go out of business....Miss Daisy Bland, quite a favorite in social circles, was threatened with serious illness a few days ago, but has passed the crisis and is gaining rapidly, to the great delight of relatives and friends....Xmas Eve was made lively by the entertainments given by the Sunday schools of this city. The two Methodist churches had very pretty drills and choruses by the little folks, after which dear old Santa played the proverbal liberal part of the father bountiful to the rather suspecting members of the school. The Baptist church certainly deserved credit for the exceptional talent shown by the little folks numbered in the Sunday school fold. A cantata of exceeding brilliancy and interest as well as remarkable humor was rendered under the personal direction of Miss Medora Powell, a teacher of some ability, who has had a great deal of experience along such lines, assisted by Miss Evans. One young man deserving mention was Master James eWaver, who played the rather grotesque part of the Wandering Jew, and showed rare ability in mimickery. Though all the little fellows were without exception splendid, and no need to tell about the munificence of Santa, who, as usual during this time of the year, was busy making all happy, and did not fail to be present with the usual liberal distribution of Xmas remembrance....Charlie Haithcock, a young man of such promise and bright intellect a few months ago, while roller skating was hurt. At the time nothing was thought of the accident, but it has developed through an operation that in the fall he received internal injuries and not being constitutionally strong in his weakened condition tuberculosis developed and his recovery is almost impossible....A very enjoyable time was realized by all who attended the Xmas ball given at the Auditorium Annes. One thing that added greatly to the affair was the bright and lively music rendered by Prof. Sulser, of this city....A box party at the Oliver was one more affair that is added to the number of social events of Yuletide. A party of young folks belong to the Can't Agree Club, namely, the Misses Powell, Johnson, Ward, Calloway, with their gentlemen friends, comprised the party. After the close they went to the Philadelphia Cafe, where a pretty spread concluded the evening of pleasure.

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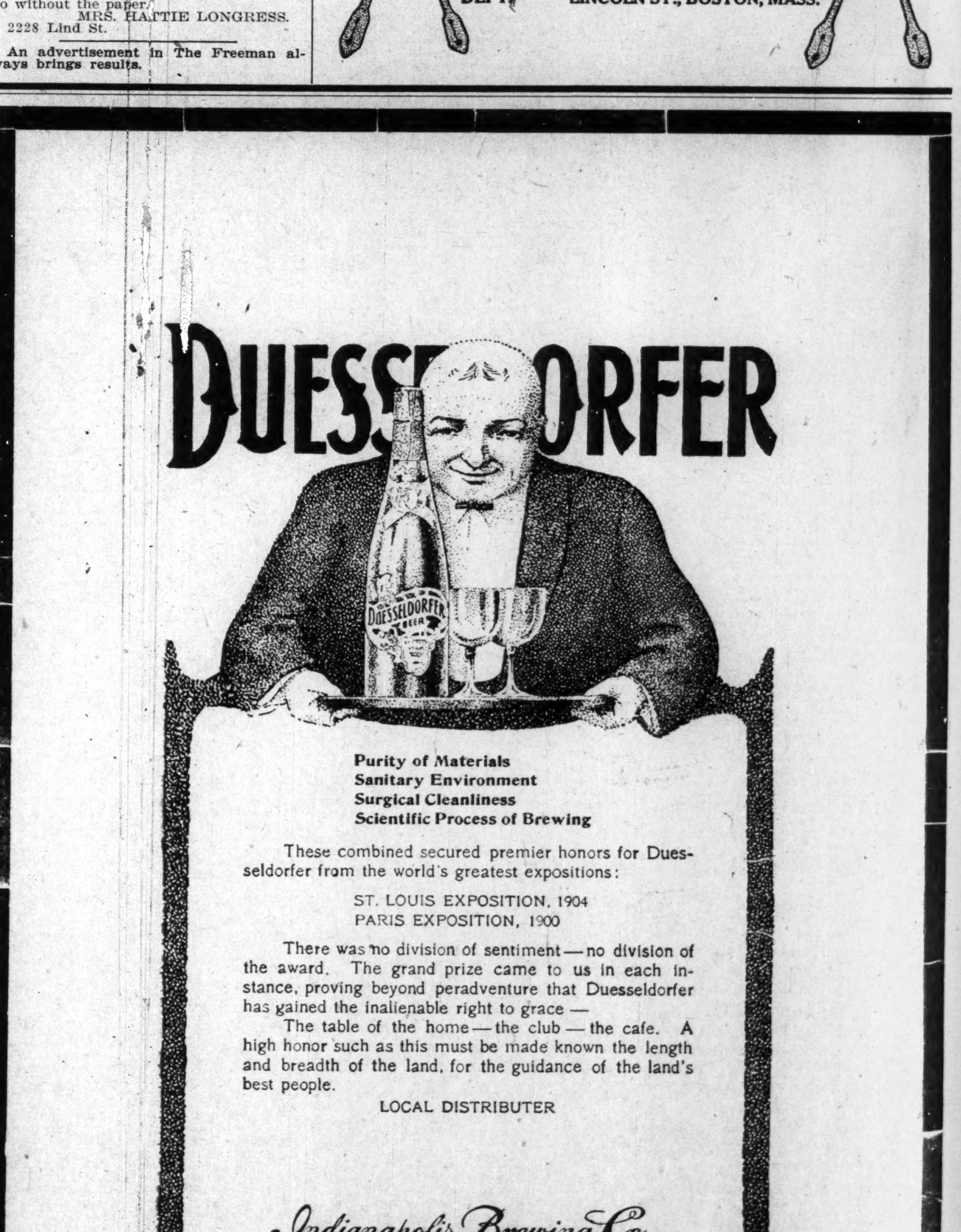

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

ECHOES OF THE SPORTING WORLD

By HARRY W. JACKSON.

Tommy Burns wants another chance.

Negro fighters are coming to the front.

And O'Brien wants to meet Jack Johnson.

Langford put up a few dimes on Jim Barry.

Wake up, colored bantams and featherweights!

Young Corbett and Phil Brock have been rematched.

Thompson-Murphy bout will come off here January 20.

Nelson keeps in trim all the time. He is ready to fight on short notice.

Packey McFarland is 19 years of age, so he said in court last Wednesday.

Jack Blackburn is reported to have been injured in a real fight with his brother.

The Pilgrim gridiron team of London, Eng., will tour this country next season.

The Chicago White Sox will take up spring practice out in Washington State.

Wonder if Corbett could lick John L. now; and Fitz, Corbett; and Jeffries, Fitz.

Jack A. Gillin of Brooklyn is eager to meet some lightweights. Gillin weighs 135 pounds.

Mendez and Gonzales are creating a noise over their fast playing on the Havana baseball team.

The Buxton Y. M. C. A. basket ball team played the Des Moines basket ball team New Year's day.

Supreme Court Justice Seabury says "hands off" to the New York police. Boxing clubs may have exhibitions.

Dr. Benjamin Franklin Roller of Seattle, Wash., formerly of DePauw University, has a desire to meet Kaufmann.

A large purse has been aggregated for the Great Western Circuit Harness Association meeting to be held in Chicago.

The American Association pennant was formally awarded to Indianapolis at the meeting of the American Association.

That Jeffries refuses $50,000, win, lose or draw, to fight Jack Johnson in Melbourne next fall seems to be an impossibility.

Fitzsimmons said that he would fight the winner of the Burns-Johnson bout. Fitz predicted Johnson's victory; in fact, he challenged Johnson.

Jeffries is responsible for Stanley Ketchell drawing the color line. Under Jim's advice Stanley refuses to consider a fight with Sam Langford.

Melvin W. Sheppard has been suspended from the A. A. U. Sheppard was one of the Olympic contestants at London, Eng., this summer. He is charged with professionalism and that he accepted or asked for exhorbitant expense moneys.

Burns admits that Johnson could have licked him in the first round if he had cared to do so. Tommy says that he has "no excuses." "Johnson beat me and beat me fairly," the ex-champion said after the fight. "That punch in the first round did it."

Dorando, the Italian runner who defeated Johnnie Hayes and was recently himself defeated by Longboat, the great Indian runner, has been matched with A. L. Corey to run a race of 26 miles and 385 yards in the Windy City on the night of January 22.

Oxygen is now being used to a great extent by seconds of boxers in England when a boxer returns to his corner weak, and the results are said to be beneficial. The oxygen strengthens the heart and imparts not only speed but additional power of hitting. What is more, it leaves no bad after-effects.

Failing to get Battling Nelson tied up in a match, Packey McFarland is now on the trail of Joe Gans. The Battler ignored Packey's recent challenge, saying that the Chicagoan had to defeat the "Old Master" before he would rate him as an opponent worthy to appear in a championship battle. McFarland realizes that the champion's stand is final, and rumor has it that he has instructed his manager to open negotiations with Gans. The former champion is regarded as Packey's superior in a short distance go, and it is highly probable that the match will be for at least 25 rounds, should it be arranged. In that case the Pacific Coast will be the scene of the bout and many fight managers are already reported as having their lines out for the date.

Boxing clubs of Greater New York have registered a notable victory over the police. Supreme Court Justice Seabury handed down a decision making permanent the temporary injunctions which three of their number had obtained restraining the police from interfering with sparring exhibitions given in their clubhouses. The decision denies the contention of the police that they have the right to enter the premises of the clubs and remain in them so that no sparring exhibitions shall take place, but instead holds that they may not without a warrant invade the rooms to ascertain whether or not acts which they deem to be misdemeanors are being committed or are likely to be committed. The cases were called forth by the action of the police in forcing their way into several clubhouses where weekly sparring exhibitions were the custom, and thus preventing them from being held.

Gans, although out of the fighting game to all intents and purposes, manages to keep himself pretty much in the limelight by criticising his fistic contemporaries and expressing opinions upon their comparative merits as fighters. He gave expression the other day to a pretty general sentiment when after watching Packey McFarland's efforts to put Harlem Tommy Murphy away he said: "McFarland would have no chance in a fight with Battling Nelson. McFarland can't hit a lick on earth, and that lets him out. Murphy, too, would be no match for Nelson, who is so far above any one of his weight that he is really in a class by himself. If McFarland wants to fight me, I'll be only too glad to accommodate him. He would be easy meat for me. Murphy asked me recently to meet him at 133 ringside, but that is out of the question. I am not under the management of Al Herford and will continue to make my own matches."

Stanley Ketchel, middleweight boxing champion, evidently has heeded the counsels of sage advisers since the Christmas battle in which Johnson wrested the heavyweight title from Burns. At that time, surprised at the outcome of the encounter, he expressed a willingness to meet the colored champion anywhere, any time, for any stake. Now he emphatically goes on record as drawing the color line, and furthermore declares that he will neither issue nor accept any challenges inside of a year. "Why should I issue a challenge to a Negro," he exclaimed, "when such men as Sullivan, Dempsey, Jeffries and the best white men in the game have drawn the color line? I might, perhaps, if I needed the money; but I don't, and as long as there is coin in my pocket I shall never meet a colored man in the ring. I have never thought it a proper thing, as the moment a white boxer enters the roped arena with a Negro he lowers himself in the respect of his associates."

It is said that the coast fight promoters have made it understood among themselves to bar Jack Johnson even though he is champion. Of course it is true that all kinds of schemes to ignore the black champion will generate so long as Jack remains outside of America, but when he returns home a great many of them, if any, will be heard from. The Americans are very dictative in regard to sports, so much so that foreigners are gradually severing sporting relations with the Yankees. The Americans seem to think that they have the right to be the sole dictators of Johnson's "biz." They have no more right to do so than any other class or country. He is not known as champion of America, but champion of the *world.* The Yankees made no effort to match Jack with ex-Champion Tommy Burns to win the honors that he now possesses; but they assume the position to dictate as to what he shall do. Contemptible schemes are reported to be in operation to boycott the new champion, and by whom? Americans. The Australians, English, French and other foreign sportsmen seem to manifest some enthusiasm over the black man's victory. During the fight they made him favorite 2 to 1. Why should the Americans be prejudiced against Jack? Is he not an American? And did he not represent America in his fight? Tommy is a Canadian. But still home was and is against Johnson as master of the fighting game.

Sam Langford, whose prowess as a rings fighter seems to have given Stanley Ketchell, Billy Papke, Hugo Kelly and the rest of the middleweight bunch an excuse for drawing the color line, the other day gave the fistic connoisseurs of the Pacific Coast a chance to size him up in action. The display he made sent the curious away with a wholesome respect for the abilities of the black man, and many believe that they saw the reason why so many of the lily-white champions in his class were giving little Samuel the overlook. He has a kick in either mitt, and he is liable to land that kick—perhaps more liable to land it—than Ketchell is to land one of his vicious swings. Sam can damage an opponent. All those who saw him are convinced of that. His enthusiastic local admirers are still at sea about one thing, however. "Is he game?" was the question asked. "Can he stand the gaff, or is the maxim that all Negro fighters have a streak of yellow true in his case?" There's the rub, or at least, one of the rubs. The local fight critics, says one of them, are chary of becoming enthusiastic about a man whom they have not seen in active service. The walloping of Papke has made them cautious about accepting a man on past performances in another town. Pugilistic stars from afar have come and gone, but many of them have been mere comets and hit the ground hard. Langford is a nice little black man on dress parade, but a demon in war time, a battle-loving veteran; but we are from Missouri. The Negro has the earmarks of a fighter, and not the cauliflower earmarks either, but he has to show this bunch yet. Billy Roche is one of the enthusiastic admirers of the black man. "He is a pocket edition of Danny Creedon," declared the referee. "He has a knockout punch in either hand if he can land it. He is a fighter of the old school. He has the hit and get away style of the old-time pugilists. He looks all the goods to me."

ATHLETS FROM DARK CONTINENT COMING TO AMERICA

R. G. Walker, Holder World's 100-Yard Dash to eB Here—Heffron.. to Defend Marathon Record.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

NEW YORK.—James E. Sullivan, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, has received a letter from J. T. Wallace of Durban, Natal, saying that he will bring to the United States next year a team of South African athletes to compete in the national championships and in the meets at New York, Boston and Chicago and in Canada. Among those who probably will come with the team are R. G. Walker, the sprinter, who did the 100 yards in 9 2-5 seconds, breaking all previous world's records, and Heffron, who finished second in the Marathon race at the Olympic games in London last summer.

BURNS WOULD LIKE TO BE SLAUGHTERED BY JOHNSON

Canadian Accuses Johnson's Seconds of Influencing Police to Stop Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO.—In a cablegram to a friend in this city, Tommy Burns, who held the title of heavyweight champion of the world, and lost it to Jack Johnson in Sydney on December 26, says he is willing to meet the giant Ethiopian again. Tommy states that Johnson's seconds influenced the police in stopping the contest, and that he was strong at the end. He says he had a chance as had Nelson with Gans, and that Johnson was tiring. Tommy says the pictures show everything, and that he can beat Johnson. Following is the cablegram:

"Johnson's seconds influenced police in stopping contest. I was strong and had a chance as had Nelson with Gans. Johnson was tiring. Willing to fight Johnson again and can beat him. Pictures show everything. They will arrive in United State sin two months.

"TOMMY BURNS."

The French-Canadian seems to have reconsidered his decision before the fight took place that it would be his last fight, no matter what the result.

FRANK CHANCE WANTS JEFFRIES TO MEET JOHNSON

Says Retired Champion Can Whip the New Champion—Will Wager a Neat Sum.

LOS ANGELES.—Frank Chance, manager of the champion Cubs, was placed in the John W. Gates "bet you a million" class yesterday when he stated that he was willing to wager $25,000 that Jim Jeffries can defeat Jack Johnson. Manager Berry of the Los Angeles club also was anxious to add some baseball earnings to the pugilistic pot, and said a syndicate would gladly raise the $500,000. Inasmuch as Jeffries so far positively refuses to re-enter the ring, their money is a "good risk," in insurance vernacular.

WOULD HAVE LITTLE SHOW WITH JOHNSON

Al Kaufman's Victory Does Not Put Him in Championship Class.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOS ANGELES.—Except for disabled hands, darkened eyes and a few bruises, Jim Barry was in good condition after the fight, although he met a better man in the person of Al Kaufmann. Neither of the fighters are in the champion class. Kaufmann would be no match for Jack Johnson, due to the fact that his work with Barry was not even equal to that of Langford when the latter met Barry.

HARRY MANSFIELD A HARD NUT TO CRACK

Jack Blackburn Found Englishman to Be a Little Leather-Like.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

PHILADELPHIA.—Jack Blackburn defeated Harry Mansfield, the English welterweight, in the windup at the Douglas Athletic Club last week. While Blackburn won all the way, he found Mansfield a tough and game fellow, who seemed immune to punishment, for he took enough to have stopped half a dozen men, and yet he was always hungry for more, and in the fourth and fifth rounds, when he found that Blackburn was growing a bit tired, he went after the colored fellow and forced him to cover. In the last round Blackburn cut loose and jabbed Mansfield almost as he pleased, but Harry was game and was there, battling hard at the finish.

JEANNETTE CROSSES WATERS TO MEET SOME "HEAVIES"

Will Meet Sam McVey—Expects to Face Johnson for Eighth Time—Lewis Accompanies Jeannette.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

NEW YORK.—Joe Jeannette, the colored heavyweight of this city, has sailed on the Adriatic for England and France. He is practically matched to meet Sam McVey, the California Negro, in Paris the latter part of January, to be decided at the National Sporting Club in London some time in February.

Jeannette believes that Johnson will be in England at that time, and negotiations with the National Sporting Club for a match with the new champion are already under way. Jeannette thinks he can defeat Johnson. They have met in the ring in seven bouts. Four of these affairs were six-round draws, while it was even up between them in another battle of ten rounds.

Jeannette won on a foul in two rounds in a sixth bout, while in the seventh Johnson got a decision in fifteen rounds at Baltimore. Jeannette is a six-footer and weighs about 195 pounds when fit and is considered reasonably clever. He is game and a stiff puncher. Jeannette has met Sam Langford in several mills and has held his own with the Boston slugger. Jeannette's manager will also take Willie Lewis to France for several important contests.

KAUFMAN DEFEATS BARRY AFTER BEING OUTBOXED

Barry's Manager Shows Flag of Truce in Thirty-Ninth Round.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Al Kaufmann Wednesday of last week established his claim of being the best heavyweight in America by whipping Jim Barry of Chicago in a long drawn out and desperate encounter which lasted the better part of three hours.

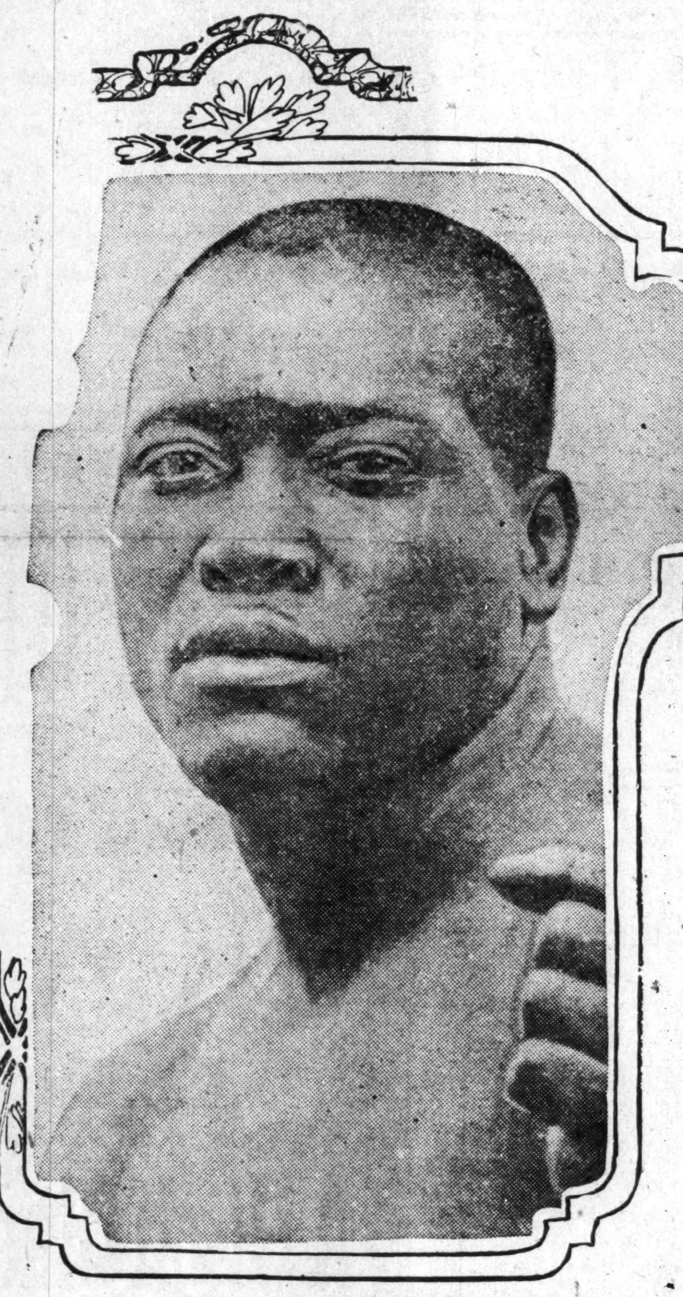
The end came in the thirty-ninth round of what was scheduled to be a forty-five-round battle. Teddy Murphy, Barry's manager, tossed a towel into the ring at this point in token of defeat, and Kaufman lost no time in shaking hands with his beaten opponent and leaving the ring.

Both men were so tired and worn from their terrific battle that they could hardly stand up. At the finish Barry was bent over with arms and hands protecting his face and jaws while Kaufmann was flailing away in a blind sort of a fashion trying to land a deciding punch. Barry protested that he wanted to continue, but Murphy grabbed him by the arm and led him to his corner. Murphy and Barry both claimed that the latter had broken both of his hands and that he had fought for twenty rounds in this condition.

It was a battle of endurance and it was potent early in the contest that either man to win must win a hard, long struggle. The only knockdown of the entire 39 rounds occurred in the 37th, when Kaufmann caught Barry with a right to the jaw, dropping the Chicago man for the count of nine. Barry was in a bad way when he came to his feet, but the bell saved him from what appeared to be certain defeat at that time.

Barry came up gamely for the 38th and kept himself in safety during the first two minutes. Towards the bell, however, Kaufmann got to the head and body and once again the gong saved Barry from a knockout.

The Chicago boy came up bravely for the 39th. Kaufmann started mauling his man and Barry, bending over, placed his arms and gloves in front of his face. With Barry in this condition, Kaufmann leaned blindly to land the deciding punch. He was ramming his arms, head and back when the towel came flying in from Barry's corner.



JACK JOHNSON'S FIGHTING FACE.

Barry outboxed Kaufmann for 23 rounds. Had the contest been 20 or even a 25-round bout, the decision would unquestionably have gone to John L.'s protege.

Barry is a much more clever boxer than Kaufmann and before last night's event had gone five rounds the fellows who had been laying 2 to 1 and 10 to 4 on Kaufmann began to see where they had been mixing up the wrong brand of dope.

STATISTICS OF THE FIGHTERS.

Kaufmann.		*Barry.*
6 ft. 1½ in.	Hight	5 ft. 10¾ in.
202 lbs.	Weight	190 lbs.
76½ in.	Reach	73½ in.
17 in.	Neck	16½ in.
41 in.	Chest normal	42 in.
43 in.	Chest expanded	43½ in.
32 in.	Waist	32 in.
15 in.	Biceps	14½ in.
12½ in.	Forearm	12 in.
7¾ in.	Wrist	8 in.
22½ in.	Thigh	22½ in.
15½ in.	Calf	16 in.

SCHRECK-HART BOUT FAILED TO COME OFF

Manager Scott, of Lexington Opera House, Refuses to Allow Fight to Take Place in Theater—Police Interfere.

LEXINGTON, Ky.—There was no fight in this city between Mike Schreck of Cincinnati and Marvin Hart of Louisville, two aspirants for the heavyweight championship.

The failure of the Fayette Athletic Club to carry out its program was due entirely to the fact that Manager Charles Scott of the Lexington Opera House refused to open the doors of the theatre.

Manager Scott's refusal was due to the pressure brought to bear upon him by many church people, whose persistance is alleged to have been incited by certain members of the Citizens' League.

The police authorities, understanding that the meeting of Hart and Schreck was to be a glove contest of twenty rounds, were not opposed to the bout and would have interfered only in the event of brutality had the men been permitted to meet in the theatre, but they would not stand for their meeting in a hall over a saloon, as was proposed and planned at midnight.

The most regrettable feature of the affair is that a great many people were permitted to come here from Louisville and Cincinnati and other points and put to the expense of a night in Lexington without the fun for which they came.

There was not until late this afternoon, too late to stop the coming of the visitors, any intimation that Hart and Schreck would not meet as scheduled. The club was unprepared for what happened. The people who stopped the contest are being roundly censured by the public generally for not making a move in time to prevent the coming of all these strangers.

The club will refund money to all who purchased tickets and will make some concessions to Hart and Schreck for the expense to which they have been put in training and coming here.

There is a possibility that the two men will meet at New Orleans at an early date.

A JIM CROW DECISION.

The Court of Appeals has affirmed the fine of $500 imposed on the Louisville Railroad Company for failure to comply with the provisions of the "Jim Crow" law. The Louisville & Interurban Railway Company, which leases its track from the Louisville Railway Company, escapes a fine, as the Appellate Court reversed the judgment of the Jefferson Circuit Court in its case. It was held that the Louisville & Interurban was not responsible for the acts of the Louisville railroad.

We are not acquainted with the facts in the case. The supposition is that a colored passenger rode in a coach not especially assigned to the colored people. Of course it could have been the other way—a white passenger riding in a coach set aside for colored people. It is said that this is quite frequently the case; it is the thing so often complained of, when rowdy white men force themselves on the colored people. According to the laws regulating such matters, an offense is committed in either instance. Five hundred dollars is a good-sized sum of money to pay out for violating the laws; the company will not pay it often if it can prevent it.

We will remember this fact through it all, that it is not the companies that bring about the separate car business. In railng at the situation we unthoughtedly see the railroad company as the object of attack, when in fact they pay the thing no mind, excepting when forced to do so through sentiment that has taken shape in law. The companies do not care to run an extra coach that is in so little demand most of the time; simply because it means extra expense. In spite of this we get mad at the railroad people—see the railroad people, supposedly, when it is the state, through the laws, made in accord with the ruling forces of that state. The railroad companies will not do, it is noticed, any more than they are forced to do.

The vigilance of the white patrons guards against any intrusion on their "domain;" they are not interested in good accommodations elsewhere. In fact, they have no thought of what is going on elsewhere. The company's aim seems to be to satisfy them; so your equal accommodation notion gets scant attention. They are not compelled to furnish them in that extra sense of comply or pay, and similar to most concerns stave off the complying until "you show them."

We say, again, that among the good traits being taken on is that of race regard. This thing is growing, and if it does not result in some hurting quality—quick to be shown—it will mean very much good. In the past Negroes have actually keen known to have been ashamed that they were associated, objecting to classification as much through the disregard of the race as to the thought of breaking down race lines; that condition is changing. Today Negroes are learning to put value on the race to which they belong—"not ashamed of my countryman." The tendency will take out the sting of the "Jim Crow" situation and which, if continued, everything else being equal, will make useless the system.

DID HE CONFESS.

Boyd Conyers, who has been reported as confessing concerning the Brownsville shoot-up, has the following to say:

"I was asleep at the time the shooting at Brownsville took place, and knew nothing of it until I was awakened by the shots and ordered to 'get your gun,.'

"I was in no way connected with the riot, and I don't kno wanything of the guilty parties. The alleged confession secured from me is bogue, and the story that I tried to take my life, as told by the Government detective, is laughable. I have told all investigators that I knew nothing of the shooting, and that is all there is to it. I was promised the broadest kind of immunity by Mr. Brown, but I have seen no reason why I should confess something I did not do."

In a letter to Senator Foraker, Conyers speaks of the visit of Lawson to Monroe, Ga., where he has been living. Conyers says he learned that Lawson was there to "pick him" and that he had the "high sheriff" (E. C. Arnold) arrest Lawson. As Lawson had no opportunity to have a private talk with Conyers, his (Lawson's) "fake" report to the Baldwin-Brown detective agency which President Roosevelt used in his message to the United States Senate on December 14, made Conyers angry, and he says Lawson "told lies" about him. That is undoubtedly true. Senator Foraker called the Senate's attention to the fact that the President's "high sounding, smooth, logical report is signed by Lawson with his mark," and, pausing to look around the Senate, the senator added: "When this thing is gone to the bottom of all honest men will be ashamed of it."

Sheriff E. C. Aronld, of Monroe, Walton County, Georgia, declared that he has known Boyd Conyers all his life, and did not believe him guilty of complicity in the Brownsville riot. "I was present at all the conversations between Herbert J. Brown and Boyd Conyers," said Sheriff Arnold, "and was anxious to get at the facts in the case. Conyers did not state the things attributed to him by the detectives. Conyers has a good reputation here and I would believe what he said about the Brownsville affair. I did everything I could to aid Brown and Lawson to get at the facts. In his conversation with Brown, Conyers was asked to name the members of the baseball team of the troops stationed at Brownsville, and he readily complied. Next he was asked to name the roughest and toughest members of the company of which he was a member, and this he did. That is all he ever told any detective. The story of his having gone to Gainesville with Lawson on June 15 is untrue." Sheriff Arnold ridicules the idea that Conyers attempted suicide after his alleged confession to Lawson. "Boyd Conyers has told me the same story over and over, without variations, concerning this Brownsville affair, and I believe that he is innocent."

THE INAUGURAL WELCOME CLUB

Elaborate Preparations Being Made for the Reception of Visitors in March.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 31.—The next meeting of the Inaugural Welcome Club will be held on the first Thursday evening in January in Room No. 5, True Reformers Hall. It is announced that the membership is increasing daily. Not only is the list more numerous than ever before at this stage of the inaugural proceedings, but the earnest money paid into the hands of the treasurer is much larger than has been true at this period of the three presidential years that the club has been actively in operation. The members represent the best quality of Washington's high-grade citizenship and there is a spirit of unity that promises well for the success of the enterprise. The grand inaugural function is set for Saturday evening, March 5.

The officers of the organization are: President, Dr. Wilson Bruce Evans; first, second and third vice presidents, E. M. Hewlett, Walter J. Singleton and Dr. W. S. Lofton; financial secretary, H. P. Slaughter; general secretary, J. C. Burlls; treasurer, Daniel Murray.

President Evans was detailed to secure a suitable hall, and it is pretty definitely settled that Convention Hall will be secured. Treasurer Murray is receiving bids for the music. The services of a colored orchestra are preferred, other things being equal. Mr. R. W. Thompson was appointed chairman of the committee on publicity.

Among the representative gentlemen who have signified their intention to cooperate with the Inaugural Welcome Club in addition to those already mentioned above are: W. L. Houston, D. D. Moore, C. F. M. Browne, Daniel Freeman, Robert J. Harlan, Leon S. Turner, Frank A. Byron, John E. Collins, C. J. Pickett, Ernest R. Amos, Willis A. Madden, W. A. McBeth, N. B. Marshall, W. H. Clifford, W. H. J. Malvin, Dr. G. W. Cabaniss, General H. Forrest, W. A. Joiner, F. D. Lee, Aaron Russell, Robert A. Pelham, J. M. Houser, George L. Walton, Leonard E. Dogans, W. L. Lee, Hon. W. T. Vernon, J. A. Lankford, J. Henry Lewis, Dr. W. H. Conner, Benjamin Washington, Lieut. Thomas H. Clarke, L. Melendez King, Joseph E. Johnson, Roscoe C. Bruce, W. Stephen Fuller, Dr. J. C. Norwood, E. E. Steele, and others.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. A. R. Posey has been seriously ill for several days.

George Bartlett, well known about town, died suddenly Monday.

Mark Batisse has returned from Madison, where he spent the holidays.

Mrs. Beulah Porter will be hostess to the Woman's Club Monday afternoon.

Prof. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, of the Lafayette schools, spent New Years in the city.

Mrs. Alberta McFarland, of Paris, Ill., spent last Sunday with her husband in this city.

Albert Boyd, of Chicago, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Katie Hadley, in Draper street.

Mrs. Ethel Wilson, nee Johnson, returned during the week to her home at Chicago.

Mrs. Mary Allen, widow of Isaac Allen, is seriously ill at her home in West Eleventh street.

The Herculean football team will go to Dayton, O., Jan. 15, to play the National Guards of that city.

Rev. G. C. Sampson has removed his family to his newly purchased home at 2241 Hillside avenue.

The Wistaria Club was entertained Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Kittie Grigsby, in Lexington avenue.

Mrs. Joe Spauling and Miss Pearl Covington, of Terre Haute, were the guests of Miss Sara Martin during the holidays.

Communion services will be held at St. Phillips Episcopal church tomorrow at 4 o'clock, instead of at 9 a. m., as usual.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, during his visit to the city, visited Dr. Ward's Sanitarium, the Colored Y. M. C. A. and the Technical Institute.

Mr. Oscar Simpson and Ben Washington, of Terre Haute, stopped at the Parker House while here attending the social functions of the holidays.

Theodore Cable returned Tuesday to Exeter Academy ,where he is a student, after spending the Christmas vacation with his parents in this city.

Revival meetings are in progress at all of the colored churches in the city and will continue for ten days. A large number of conversions are reported.

Mrs. Tildy Mitchell, of Corydon, Ind., returned home Wednesday after spending the holidays with he rdaughter, Mrs. Minnie Whitney, of 649 Bright street.

The Misses Ithigenia Cole and Idelle Love, who were the guests of the family of Mrs. Penelope Booth during Christmas, returned to their studies at Oberlin during the week.

Miss Maude Escohe, of Muskogee, spent a day during the week with Mrs. G. W. Cable. She was en route from spending the Christmas vacation at St. Louis, to Oberlin College, where she is a pupil.

Andrew Jackson, an old resident of the city, died at the county poor farm last week. Mrs. Addie Rudd, a near friend, looked after his funeral, which was held at Blackford-street church, of which he was a member.

Mesdames Mamie Hoffman, Louisa Royall and Misses Bessie Mitchell and Clara Perry, teachers in the public schools, spent the holidays at St. Louis, Chicago, Columbus, O., and Mattoon, Ill., in the order mentioned.

J. B. Alcon and wife, of Stanford, Ky., and their daughter, Mrs. Mattie Montgomery, of Covington, spent the holidays with a brother, John Crowdus, 2125 Massachusetts aveneue, in this city. Mr. Crowdus entertained a company of twenty-five Christmas day in their honor.

The Aesculapian Medical Society has elected the following ojcers for the ensuing year: President, C. R. Atkins; vice president, C. R. Cottey; secretary, A. J. King; treasurer, H. L. Hummons. The next meeting will be held the third Wednesday evening in January at the Y. M. C. A., at which the new executive committee will submit the program for the coming year.

The Colored Baptist Ministers' Alliance will hold two sessions at Union Tabernacle Baptist Church, Senate and St. Clair streets, next Monday, the 11th. The business session will be held at 11 a. m., and the evangelistic session will be held at 8 p. m., in connection with the revival which is now in progress at that church. Rev. C. W. McColl will conduct the Bible reading, and his subject will be "Definite Confession." The public is invited.

As a result of the entertainment given last week by Mrs. Lillian Brown, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, sufficient funds were raised to start the Free Kindergarten for which the effort was made, and it is expected to be able to open the school next Monday with no less than 75 children as a beginning The "Delphic" circle will meet next Tuesday evening with Mrs. Peter Dent, 519 W. Twelfth street. Miss Clara Perry will read a paper on "Political Reform" and there will be a supplementary reading by Miss Gertrude Mahorney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnson, in Yandes street, gave a debut party in honor of their daughter Lavenia Jane, Friday evening, December 25, 1908. The house was decorated with Xmas colors. Over the dinning room table hung a large Xmas bell with Xmas colors projecting from it to each corner of the table. The debutante wore a black satin directorie. Those who assisted with the party were Mesdames Mattie Griggsby and Sadie Reed. Music was furnished by Miss Beatrice Weber and Miss Bessie Taylor.

Sumner Lodge No. 11, Philip No. 22 and Rising Sun Temple of the Order U. B. of F. held their joint public installation on the night of January 4, 1909. A beautiful program was rendered to a large and appreciative audience. Sumner Lodge installed the following. W. M., C. W. Rice; D. M., Paul Turner; Fin. Sec., Hayes Bransford; Rec. Sec., Earnest Watson; W. Treas., M. W. Turner; trustees, chairman, S. Hardrick, C. R. Atkins, F. K. Watson; sick committee, Jerry Bradshaw, chairman; Thos. Jordan, Joseph Yancey, Bristow Wagner, K. Hankin; Chap., L. W. Crawford; R. and L. S., F. Wagner, J. Watson; D. S., Ed Mills; O. S., Jno. Miller; pilot, Elmo Hughes; Sr. M., Eli Stoner; Jr. M., Judge Kelley.

FRIENDS SYMPATHIZE.

Friends of Mr. W. H. Stewart, who recently became involved in an altercation with a guest at a hotel cafe, deplore the occurrence deeply and hope for an amicable adjustment of the affair. Mr. Stewart is a highly respected young man who is without bad habits and who is reputed for his peacefulness and sobriety. He traveled for eight years as valet and secretary to John Phillip Sousa, the famous bad master, and has visited most of the foreign countries. That Mr.Sousa reluctantly gave him up and that he traveled during the last summer with him at his urgent request, should indicate something of his worth. He is is at present working his way through one of the city's dental colleges, which accounts for him being employed as a waiter in the cafe.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED.

The Interdenominational Ministers met Tuesday morning at the Y. M. C. A. The following newly elected officers were installed and entered upon their duties: Rev. H. L. Herold, president; vice president, J. S. Bailey; secretary, Thomas E. Taylor; treasurer, H. C. Callis. Among other questions which came up for the consideration of the body was that of celebrating in an appropriate way the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln February 12. After a brief discussion of the subject it was decided to combine an observance of the birth of Lincoln with that of Frederick Douglass, to be celebrated under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, Sunday, February 14, at Tomlinson Hall. The Emancipation Day committee was called at the close of the meeting to settle the proceeds of the entertainment given New eYar's night for the benefit of the charity organization. The meeting adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in February.

THE LIFE OF CHARLES SUMNER.

The Methodist ministers' meeting held an interesting session at Bethel A. M. E. church Wednesday morning. The principal feature of the meeting was a paper read by Rev. H. L. Herold, on the life of Charles Sumner, the meeting being held on January 6, which was the birthday of Sumner. The paper dealth with every phase of the innterest taken by Sumner in the question of slavery and the interest shown by him in the Negro when his freedom was being agitated. The paper brought forth general approval and it was proposed that the three colored papers be requested to publish the paper in full in order that an interest might be created in the minds of the younger generation as to the labors in behalf of the race upon the part of men who have passed into history.

"The Development of the Emanual Movement" is the subject of a paper to be read next Wednesday by Rev. G. H. Shaffer, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The subject for Bible study for the McColl Bible class at the Colored Y. M. C. A., tomorrow (Sunday) morning, from 8 till 9, will be "Spiritual House-Cleaning." There are no fees and all men are invited. Men only.

Prof. A. M. Hall will be the speaker at the "Monster Meeting" which is held in Jones Tabernacle, corner West North and Blackford streets, every Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Prof. Hall is on the faculty of Indiana University, at Bloomington, and is a scholar of note. All men are urged to be out, as a great treat is in store for them. In addition to Prof. Hall, Mr. Aaron Thompson, Indianapolis Negro poet and author, will give several of his original poems. The Colored Y. M. C. A. Orchestra will render a thirty-minute program and the great male chorus will sing "The Glory Song." All men are invited.

The Wednesday evening Bible class is creating a great deal of discussion on the various topics which are being handled. Subjects such as the Clubs, Theaters, Cards, etc., are taken up and discussed. You are invited to come and participate in the discussions, which are open and no one gagged. Come, let us have your opinion. Rev. D. F. White is in charge. "Life Problems" is the course Wednesday, at 8.15 p. m.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Any information of the whereabouts of Marian Sharp. Sam, John and Melvina are her sons and daughter, who were owned by Susan Sharp (white), and lived at Petersburg, Va. My name is Rachel Sharp, and I live at 108 Buford street, Dallas, Tex. I ask the kind consideration of every one in helping me to find my people through The Freeman.

THE PARKER HOUSE.

My Dear—I write you again, and as usual from the Parker House, the well-known hotel conducted by Mr. Duerson. Not long since Cole and Johnson and their set were here, and, by the way, a most congenial lot of folks. As it is always in hotels, we regular people had to get along the best we could until the rush was over, yet we enjoyed it; it gave us variety, and you know we need that so much. You are expected over at any time. The best room will be reserved for you. As to the meals, leave that to Mr. Duerson. Mr. Dudley would say, just call him. He solicits the public generally. Don't forget the address.

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Negroes Urged to Keep Out of Fight.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

RICHMOND, Ind., December 21.—The colored voters of Richmond are being urged by the Interview, an organ of the Negro race in Wayne county, to keep out of the local option fight. In the issue of the paper to-day an editorial appears declaring that the fight is one for white men and not the Negro to become interested in one way or the 'other. "The white people of Wayne county," the editorial says, "furnish most of the criminals, the white families suffer most from drunkenness and the white people pay most of the taxes. The colored man has nothing to lose, one way or the other."

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